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RINGSIDE

BOXING CONTINUES TO GET THE FUZZY END of the lollipop. As if it wasn't enough that the American Medical Association and their handmaiden The New York TIMES came down heavily on the sport, now even those who have been a part of boxing have taken to blaming boxing for all their woes. First it was Tony Ayala, still unrepentant, blaming his troubles on boxing's fast life, as if that had anything to do with his problem; then it was the lawyer for ex-con-turned-boxer Bobby Halpern who used the ring as a cop-out. He claimed his client was "punchy."

Before adherence to the AMA's position becomes contagious, let's take a good, hard look at this lobbying group which continues to dance with so many conflicting shadows. The American Medical Association was formed in 1847 to look after the business of doctors. Almost immediately it took a step in the direction of protecting its charges when it came out against the practice of dentistry not two years later. Its continual logic has been a fiction, a web enmeshing any who get caught up in it. Only recently it has taken a stance that almost reads as if it is in favor of dioxin, claiming that the current dioxin "scare" is a "witchhunt," fueled by the media. Forget the fact that the report was written by a consultant to a major chemical corporation, it is typical of the AMA that it supports the corporate viewpoint over the individual's.

The AMA, so anxious to protect its "clients'" tax shelters, personal corporations and write-offs, has worked against the individual almost from the day of its founding. Where are they on the vital subject of rising medical costs? On the disappearance of house calls for the protection of the individual? And for the dispensing of generic drugs to save the individual money?

No, the AMA is a lobbying group, a corporate mind which cannot understand the mind of the individual. Especially the individual who is, not incidentally, a working man. Not understanding them, they try mightily to grind them under foot, much as the marshal's forces did in "Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid," attempting to eliminate all who dare fight the system. Their system.

For an idea of just how doctors serve humanity, one need only look at the recent free clinic program in Detroit, where the unemployment rate has reached the catastrophic figure of 19.2%. It was there that a caring group of physicians tried to rally those who had taken the Hippocratic Oath to their banner in order to open up free care clinics for the needy. And how many doctors joined hands in helping the common man ?, you may ask. A full 15%, that's how many. The rest, obviously members of the AMA, could not find it in their hearts to help the working, or non-working, man.

That's why one needs to look behind their stance on boxing, so that we do not brush across the real story as a headlight does a long road ahead without glimpsing what lies behind.

Boxing is the sport of the working man. And the AMA, which hardly stands for the working man, is against it. They seek to cover up their slightly soiled tracks by pretending to be liberal, seeking to abolish something in much the same way that a drowning man seeks to get aboard at whatever the costs are to him and those around him.

Make no mistake about the intentions of the AMA: they don't.

BERT RANDOLPH SUGAR

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Heavyweights
World Champion
... Walcott

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World Champion
James Carter
1. Luther Rawlings
2. Virgil Akins
...

...SUREMENTS OF HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONS

	James J. Corbett	Bob Fitz-simmons	James J. Jeffries	Marvin Hart	Tommy Burns
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	178 lbs.	167 lbs	20[illegible] s.		180 lbs.
	73 in.	71¾ in.			74½ in.
	38 in.	41 in.			40 in.
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JACK DEMPSEY
(William Harrison Dempsey)
(The Manassa Mauler)
Born, June 24, 1895, Manassa, Colorado.
Ancestry, Irish-Scotch-Cherokee. Weight, 187 lbs.
Height, 6 ft. ¾ in. Managed by Frank Price, Jack Kearns.

1914
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—Andy Malloy, Durango, Colo. ..... L 10
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—Dick Gilbert, Salt Lake City ..... KO by
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Champion: Yoko Gushiken (Japan)
Challenger: Pedro Flores (Mexico)
Date: October 12th
Place: Kanazawa, Japan
Weights: Gushiken-107½, Flores-107¾
Result: Gushiken by a unanimous decision
Referee: Vincente Rainone (USA) 146-140 (YG)
Judge: Marcos Antonio Rodrigues (Mexico) 146-145 (YG)
Judge: Masao Kato (Japan) 146-142 (YG)

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ROUND ONE

DEMPSEY'S: FOOD FOR THOUGHT

JACK DEMPSEY OUTLIVED MOST OF HIS contemporaries, but his persona was such that millions too young to have seen him fight felt a deep loss at his death.

Many a grown man who was once a starry-eyed kid remembers going with his father to Dempsey's great Broadway restaurant and getting the autograph of the Manassa Mauler. "Jack Dempsey's"—the name was spelled out in lighted red letters over the big display window up front—had a grand decor, good food and what was justifiably touted as the best cheesecake in New York.

In 1974 the Brill Building at 1621 Broadway, which housed Jack Dempsey's restaurant was bought by a company owned by the Queen of England. The Broadway-Times Square area was in decline but the new landlord tried to jack up Dempsey's rent to an unacceptable height. Dempsey was pushing 80 and didn't have the strength to fight back. On October 6 Jack Dempsey's closed for good. Several months later, a national fast food restaurant, specializing in greasy, horrible fish and chips opened in its place.

The Broadway area has revived in the last decade. Up and down the block from Dempsey's old spot at 49th Street are many, fine new restaurants. But the terrible fish joint still occupies Jack Dempsey's spot and while this writer isn't one to hold a grudge, he has held a strong dislike for the British Royal Family ever since the Queen had Jack evicted. No royal weddings'll change that!

KNUCKLING DOWN FOR A COMEBACK

POOR GERRY COONEY. FOR A YEAR after he was knocked out by Larry Holmes the Long Island heavyweight hope did not want to fight. Now Gentleman Gerry wants to fight, but can't. At least not until he is fully recuperated from surgery to remove bone chips from the knuckles of his left hand.

In April, Cooney signed for his long-awaited comeback fight against Philip Brown, to be held in Las Vegas on June 19. In May, Cooney's managers announced that due to a slight injury to Gerry's hand, the fight would be pushed back to July. In June,

they announced that the fight was being postponed 'till August. Finally, they said that Gerry's hand, hurt when it collided with a sparring partner's elbow during some in-fighting, was much worse than previously believed.

The extent of the injury to Cooney's knuckles, which were operated on at Manhattan's N.Y.U. Medical Center was variously reported as everything from inconsequential to career-threatening. Cooney and his managers, Mike Jones and Dennis Rappaport, promise that Gerry will be back in the gym soon and fighting in the fall. Cooney himself was all smiles when he appeared in the ring to take a bow before the Duran-Moore fight. Not even the heavy booing from the Madison Square Garden capacity crowd could sour the Irishman's expression, an expression he gave voice to when he said: "If it wasn't for bad luck, I wouldn't have any luck at all."

BOXING'S VERSION OF STRIP POKER

THEY STARTED UP AND SPUTTERED, and then started up and sputtered again. But after all the tentative and half-hearted gesturing, the WBC went ahead and did it!!—They stripped Bobby Chacon of his junior lightweight title.

It started back in May, when Chacon signed with Los Angeles promoter Don Chargin to defend his newly-won WBC crown against Cornelius Boza-Edwards, who not incidentally, was the Council's number-one contender. The WBC ruled at the time that Don King had valid options on Chacon's first several defenses, options which he had picked up while promoting Chacon's title-winning fight with Bazooka Limon, and which he wished to exercise, starting with a defense against Hector Camacho. They went back and forth to court, and without anything being settled, Chacon beat Boza-Edwards in Las Vegas —sans the WBC sanction.

Camacho's promoter, Jeff Levine of Round One Promotions, sent a telegram to the WBC and held a New York press conference to demand that Chacon be stripped. The WBC ordered Chacon to sign with King forthwith for a defense against Camacho. But Bobby, claiming that the option contract which King was presenting was, at best, fraudulent, said he will never fight for King again.

WBC president Jose Sulaiman had been laying low through all this, but he finally ordered that Chacon be stripped. Chacon's New York lawyer, Jim Flanagan, says that a lawsuit against King and the WBC will be filed immediately in California. Flanagan now contends that not only was King's option on Chacon invalid, but that King did not even promote the Chacon Limon fight in Los Angeles. "King did not have a promoter's license in California at the time," says Flanagan. "The promoter was the J & J Sporting Co. of Santa Clara."

WE'LL BE RIGHT BACK...BACK...BACK...

RATINGS-HUNGRY NBC IS BACK TO using the same shameless trick that the network had recently made a big to-do about renouncing. Back in March, before NBC showed the Holmes-Rodriguez heavyweight title fight, the network's publicity department announced that starting then, NBC would inform viewers of the intended starting time of advertised fights and not lure boxing fans into watching other programming by misleading them.

So one week after the May 27 Marvin Hagler-Wilford Scypion fight in Providence, NBC, which had the tape rights, began advertising the TV showing. Friday's, Saturday's and Sunday's newspapers all carried the ads which trumpeted, "See Marvelous Marvin defend his title...4:00 E.D.T. Sunday on NBC Sportsworld!"

Come 4:00 Sunday afternoon and NBC was showing *Sportsworld* alright. But Hagler and Scypion were nowhere to be seen. Instead, the network showed something called the "Avon Ladies' Marathon." And then, to compound the insult, when it was done showing the running girls, the network switched to a canned feature about some women's training center. It was not until well over an hour into the program that the long-suffering viewers were permitted to see the advertised feature, to wit, Hagler vs. Scypion.

TV programs live and die by their ratings. But when NBC has a "dog" on its hands like the Avon Marathon, it's not above resuscitating it by hoodwinking boxing fans into watching it.

NO HABLA TV

CBS, THAT FAMOUS CYCLOPS OF TV networks, sometimes shows that it has Van Gogh's ear for languages—especially Spanish.

Racing afficianados recall the Kentucky Derby of 1971, when Canonero II won, and the colt's 21 slightly hysterical Venezuelan owners were met in the Winner's Circle by poor Jack Whitaker, who was hampered in his attempt to interview them by the fact that none of them spoke English, and Whitaker spoke nada a word of Spanish. CBS's failure to supply a translator was understandable—Who expects to speak Spanish in Bluegrass Country?

But this time CBS failed to have a Spanish translator on hand, and the venue was San Juan, not Louisville. The event was the Juan LaPorte-Johnny DeLa Rosa WBC featherweight title fight, and when it was over and the decision was read along and aloud in the ring, U.S. viewers remained in the dark. It was a few minutes after the

show was supposed to go off the air that viewers found out that LaPorte had won. But the margin of victory—especially important in a close split decision such as this—went undisclosed.

CBS should pay a translator to work the next San Juan fight. Otherwise, the network will need another translator to define the Spanish word for "Schmuck."

CAUGHT RED HANDED

NEW YORK JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT Luis Resto and his cornermen, Panama Lewis and Pedro Alvarado apparently perpetrated a diabolical "sting" to insure Resto of victory in his bout with Nashville's Billy Collins Jr. on the Duran-Moore undercard in Madison Square Garden. The result was that what at first seemed to be a convincing win for Resto was changed by the New York State Athletic Commission to "no contest"; Resto has been suspended from boxing indefinetely; and Lewis and Alvarado have been barred for life.

Resto had a reputation as a light hitter, but he banged Collins' face into a black-and-blue mess in the ten-round battle. "Every time he hit me, it felt like I was getting hit by an ashtray," Collins said the next day at his room at the New York Statler through bruised lips, a broken nose and eyes that were swollen shut. Billy Collins Sr., who worked his son's corner, believed something was wrong with Resto's gloves and shook hands with the victorious fighter at the conclusion of the fight in an attempt to find out. He felt "no padding at all" in the gloves and immediately began screaming for a commission official to check them.

Over Panama Lewis' protests, the commission representatives took Resto's gloves and noticed that both had holes cut in the palms. The commission turned the gloves over to Everlast for examination, and Everlast, after studying them turned them over to the state police laboratory in Newburgh for further testing.

At a hearing chaired by New York Commission chairman John Prenderville, Everlast vice president John Towns and a police representative both stated that tests had shown that the gloves had definetly been tampered with and that padding had been removed. Approximately one ounce of horsehair padding was removed from each glove, a quantity that looked quite large when identical padding was stuffed in a sandwich bag for display. Collins Sr. further accused Lewis of injecting water into the gloves to make them rock-hard. The gloves took two days to dry out, Everlast reported. Lewis and Alvarado denied any wrongdoing and termed the hearing a "witchhunt," but their testimony as to their actions in Resto's dressing room before the fight was rife with contradictions.

The escapade was an embarassment to the New York commission and the soon-to-be exiting Prenderville. "I never would have imagined that you can come into New York, the Big Apple, and have something like this happen," said Billy Collins Sr., who described himself as "just a hillbilly."

The New York commission acted swiftly and threw out the result of the fight, barred

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Lewis and Alvarado for life and suspended Resto for a period of not less than a year. Prenderville told *The Ring* that other United States commissions will honor New York's edict, and that WBC president Jose Sulaiman told him that the WBC will uphold it too.

Resto, Lewis and Alvarado say they intend to sue the New York commission to overturn the action. What remains a mystery is why they would have committed such a deed, when many observers believe Resto could have beaten Collins without cheating.

The incident has renewed speculation about Lewis' actions during last fall's Aaron Pryor—Alexis Arguello fight. The people who accused Panama Lewis of feeding Pryor stimulants, and otherwise cheating during Pryor's victory are now nodding their heads and saying "I told you so!" In any event, it seems that when Pryor and Arguello fight their rematch this fall, Pryor won't have Panama Lewis to give him a "Bottle with the special mix." Or anything else, for that matter.

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THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

IT'S AN OLD BOXING TRUISM THAT THE better the referee, the less he is seen. But Rhode Island referee Martin Tabor, who officiated a recent junior lightweight bout between Rafael Lopez and Juan Veloz in West Warwick falls more under the category of obscene, and hopefully won't be seen again.

The 10-round fight, televised nationally on ESPN, was fought evenly for the first five rounds but turned on some funny shenanigans in the sixth, seventh and ninth rounds, most of them perpetrated by the aforementioned Mr. Tabor. In the sixth he penalized Veloz one point for a low blow despite never having warned the Camden, N.J. fighter—and despite the fact that Lopez, the local fighter from Pawtucket, had himself connected with several blows south of the border. In the seventh, Lopez went to the canvas not once, not twice, but three times—enough to mandate the awarding of a TKO—all at the end of punches by Veloz. Yet Tabor never saw fit to start a count over Lopez, instead ruling the knockdowns "slips," and even exhibiting the audacity to help Lopez to his feet after the downed fighter mumbled, "I'm alright." Lopez hit the deck in the ninth round too, this time from a long, looping left thrown over a straight right. Again, as in a repetitive, bad joke, Tabor ran in and wiped off his gloves and helped him up, later to explain that Lopez had "slipped while throwing a punch."

To add further insult to injury, the three Rhode Island officials all scored the fight in favor of the local, and Tabor had the effrontery to award not a single round to the visiting fighter, tabbing the contest 50-48 for Lopez.

Afterwards, as Sal Marchiano of ESPN tried to elicit a meaningful comment from the lips of Tabor, the "referee" could only reply, in the most boorish manner imaginable, "I've been refereeing 36 years, longer than you've been around..."

DOWN FOR THE COUNT

LENARD, HENRY, 79, JANUARY 23, 1983, Chicago, Ill. Lenard, an outstanding bantamweight and featherweight from 1919 to 1932, later served as an Illinois State representative and was a former bailiff for the City of Chicago.

PETROLLE, BILLY, 78, May 14, 1983, Vero Beach, Florida. The famed "Fargo Express" lost a unanimous decision to Tony Canzoneri on November 4, 1932—his only title shot. One of the great stars that made the lightweight class so super great in the early 1930s. See feature story in this issue.

PUNCHLINES

MUHAMMAD ALI, AT THE JOE Louis Memorial Scholarship award ceremony: "I'm gonna admit something I never admitted during my boxing days: Joe Louis really *was* The Greatest."

Writer Dick Young, on Tony Ayala's 35-year jail sentence: "And when he comes out, the WBA will have him ranked number one in the junior middleweight division."

Comedian Ansenio Hall, who claims the name Ansenio is "Greek for Leroy": "I'm always into a positive black image. WHenever Leon Spinks fights, I always pray, 'Dear God, Please don't let them interview Leon on TV.' "

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HATS OFF TO BOB ARUM, MARVIN Hagler and a few others who have had the guts to snub the WBA and WBC. It's about time.

Let's face it, at least 90 percent of the money to be made in boxing comes from the United States. And the major fights held outside the U.S. rely on American television money.

The foreign fighters should have to prove themselves over here before being given a top ranking.

It's time to rid boxing of the WBA, and WBC. It's a very simple thing to do. Just prohibit these organizations from staging fights in this country. And do not allow the televising of such bouts, whether here or from abroad.

JIM BUSS, ALLENTOWN, PENNA.

FRAZIER 'A GRACIOUS HOST"

I WAS QUITE SURPRISED TO READ YOUR misleading account of the recent event celebrating the renovation of Joe Frazier's Gym ("Round One," May). *The Ring* is noted for not pulling its punches, but this time your reporter is off base.

Joe Frazier did not perform a disappearing act, but was a gracious host during most of the proceedings. That the function did not attain a "grand" scale was due to the failure of the special guests to attend (perhaps reflecting *their* priorities), rather than the behavior of Joe or the brickface company.

As a boxing fan, I was thrilled to meet Joe Frazier who engaged in several autograph and picture taking sessions. As a former school teacher in North Philadelphia, I can say that the champ's organization is a positive force in the community. To suggest that he would be an unwilling or unwitting party to a phony activity is both inaccurate and insulting.

JAMES M. WALTZER, CHERRY HILL, N.J.

NOVEL IDEA

IS IT REALISTIC TO ASK A REFEREE TO decide when a fighter has taken enough punishment? I think not.

I feel that the decision to stop the first Dokes-Weaver bout was as poor a decision as was the decision to allow the Duran-Moore fight to proceed more than two minutes into the eighth round. Furthermore, the vacillating opinion of the ringside physician in the recent Chacon-Boza Edwards duel underlines the difficulty of deciding exactly when to stop a fight.

I would like to suggest the following:
a) the referee should simply control the bout and not be responsible for either scoring or stopping the fight.
b) The bout should be scored by three judges at ringside.
c) The decision when to stop the fight should be in the hands of the three judges as well as two ringside physicians. Each of these five officials should have access to an electric device which each could activate individually if they wanted the fight stopped. When any three of the five activated the device simultaneously an audible tone would signify the end of the fight.

To date no criteria have been defined when a fight should be stopped. In the absence of objective criteria let the responsibility be shared among five officials rather than rest on the shoulders of the referee.

ALAN PINSHAW, M.D. (Obstetrics & Gynecology), FRAMINGHAM, MASS.

Take two aspirins, drink plenty of fluids and get lots of rest.—Editor

NO COVER-UP

THAT COVER PICTURE OF RAY MANcini (June), with his red lips and red splotches on his face is undoubtedly the ugliest picture ever to grace the cover of *The Ring*. Are they really considering putting something that looks like that in the movies? I don't believe it.

GEORGIA LUCAS, SILVER SPRING, MD.

Editor's note: *The Ray Mancini cover was the victim of an accident in the color-separating process. The girls who work at* The Ring *crowded around Ray when he was up at our office a short while ago, and are unanimous in their opinion that Boom Boom is a good-looking guy.*

GIVING THE DR. A TASTE OF HIS OWN MEDICINE

WHEN HOWARD COSELL QUIT FROM boxing, that was the second biggest favor for boxing.

The first biggest favor is if Ferdie Pacheco gets lost. Marv Albert calls him always "The Fight Doctor", while in fact he is an IDIOT. I came from Romania several years ago, where I was a welterweight for 10 years, and then a trainer, referee and judge, and I know enough about boxing, and I recognize an IDIOT involved in boxing, when I see one.

At the fight between Chacon and Boza-Edwards, the Big, Fat Mouth of the Fight Doctor, gave me headaches, with his stupid comments, predictions and score card. (115-113 for Boza-Edwards)!

I am sorry I didn't take off the sound, as I did in many other occasions when Cosell or the "Fight Doctor" forced me to do so, because of their stupid comments.

Ferdie Pacheco "The Fight Doctor" is 100 times worse than Cosell, and if he does not have the sense to quit boxing, then NBC should throw him out.

At the present time, boxing is in trouble, because too many "Pachecos" are around.

VIRGIL POPESCU, SOMERSET, N.J.

I WISH THE FERDIE PACHECOS OF THE world would stick to announcing, rather than opining ad nauseum about when fights should or should not be stopped. The Chacon-Boza-Edwards bout showed Pacheco at his insipid worst.

To be sure, Chacon was cut; however, excellent corner work had stopped the blood flow and the cuts got no worse. Pacheco's blatherings and Marv Albert's deplorable post-fight attempt to discredit Dr. Hermanski, who had examined Chacon as the fight progressed only served to cast aspersions on a well-officiated fight that was also one of the best matches of the year.

I'll grant Pacheco one point: the scoring was off. Chacon deserved no better than a draw. However, he would have had a sure loss if the referee and doctor had been as nervous as Pacheco about cuts, which are a normal part of the fight game.

PAUL FISHER, SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

Editor's note: The Ring *has received more mail denouncing Ferdie Pacheco for his commentary during the Chacon-Boza-Edwards fight than on any other issue this year.*

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—ROBERT HEVNER

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Q Did Victor McGlaglen, the actor who won an Academy Award for his role in *The Informer,* ever fight for the world light heavyweight title in Madison Square Garden?

—ROBERT TASSA

A *No. Victor, who was a pro boxer before turning to the movies, did fight world* heavyweight *champion Jack Johnson in a six-round no decision bout in Vancouver, British Columbia, on March 10, 1909, but some sources list it as an exhibition.*

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A *The fight took place in Cleveland on June 24, 1947.*

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A *October 6.*

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A *The turnover time between the time we put the magazine together and the time it reaches our readers is too great. Far too many fights are cancelled, rescheduled, and switched to different sites in that interval. And a lot of bills are put on at too short a notice.*

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—GLEN S. ROBERTS

A *No. LaStarza and Bucceroni fought twice over the 10-round distance in New York. Dan won the first bout, held December 21, 1951, while Roland took the second on May 30, 1952.*

Q How can I write to Ray (Boom Boom) Mancini?

—LORI FOWLER

A *Send letters to Ray in c/o David Wolf, 147 West 70th Street, New York, N.Y. 10024.*

Q A friend of mine said his grandfather was one of the Taylor triplets. Do you have any information on these men? I know that boxing triplets are a rarity. Their names were William, Jennings, and Bryan.

—ALLEN RAY YATES

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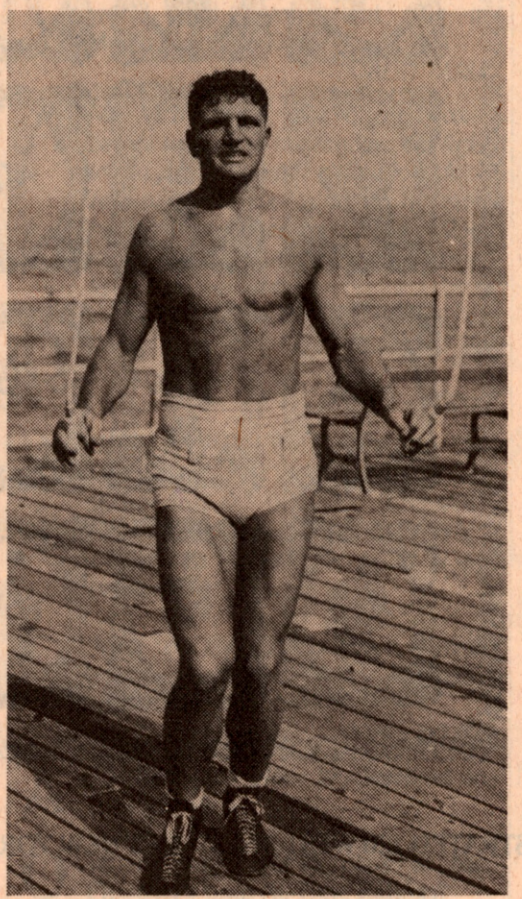
VETERAN BOXERS' BEAT

THE BOXING WORLD LOST ONE OF ITS greatest legends when former great heavyweight champion Jack Dempsey passed away on May 31, 1983. Dempsey was buried on June 4th in the Southampton Cemetery on Long Island in a private and quiet funeral service, just as he had requested. Besides the immediate family, Judge John Sirica, of Watergate fame and a former fighter who was very close to Dempsey for many years, was the only person invited. Condolences are in order to his wife Deanna and family. May his soul rest in peace...

On Friday, May 13, 1983, the Fourth Annual Petey Hayes Memorial Boxing show was held at the Regina Center in Brooklyn, N.Y. Ten action-packed bouts were held, plus the presentation of the "Bobby Wagner Memorial Award." which was presented to Arlene Sparaco, the granddaughter of the late Bobby Wagner. Doing the honors was former baseball great Joe DiMaggio. The Yankee Clipper received a big ovation from the near thousand in attendance. Some of the former neighborhood "Ring Idols" who were introduced from the ring were: Lou Salica, two-time Bantamweight champ, Vince Pimpinella, Tony Pellone, Larry Fontana, Randy Sandy, Little Petey Hayes, Joey Agro, Joe Mulli, Ed Post, Sammy Markowitz and Larry Young...Johnny Hayes Mancuso was the chairman of this good exciting boxing show. Others who helped make this show a success were: Anthony Sciametta, Frankie Ross Folan, Johnny Hayes Ferrara, and members of Ring 21 VBA Brooklyn.

Pat McCoy (real name Patrick Leech), featherweight of the 1950 era who fought Willie Pep, now tends bar at the Barbary Coast Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada...Lee Ramage, former heavyweight of the '30s who fought Joe Louis, is now a security officer at the Hacienda Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada...Thumbless boxing gloves will be mandatory in California beginning January 1, 1984. State Senator Joe Montoya (D), El Monte, spearheaded the bill...Abe Hochheiser, *Ring* columnist, now press representative for the Dennis Kneer Sporting Club, is now promoting monthly pro-boxing at Cal-State North Campus, formerly Devonshire Downs, in Northridge, Calif...Muhammad Ali, now living in Los Angeles, is said to be living a stone's throw from the late Mae West's house. Ali, together with Jerry Quarry, was a celebrity guest on the first Dennis Kneer S.C. boxing show...Randy Lee Moore, son of ex-light heavy champ Archie Moore, recently signed a free-agent contract with the Los Angeles Rams. Randy, a 22-year-old 6-footer who weighs 173, is a wide receiver who caught 28 passes for 512 yards and four touchdowns at little Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Mo. last fall...

Larry Bolvin, former Providence R.I. featherweight and a world leading contender of the early '40s is now a referee for the Rhode Island State Athletic Commission.



Lou Nova, former heavyweight contender, recently married 23-year-old Teresa Venquala from South America. Lou is a young 67 and still very active in show biz in Las Vegas. "Congratulations to both Teresa and Lou"...The California Alley Club recently held its 19th Anniversary Reunion at the Valley Hilton in Sherman Oaks, California. The celebration also included a testimonial banquet honoring the club's original—and continuing—president Mike Mazurki. It was also Mike's 50th anniversary in show biz...On October 14, 15, and 16th, the National V.B.A. will hold their annual convention at the Mt. Airy Lodge in Mt Pocono, Pa. Paul Venti is the chairman of this year's convention with Ring 20 VBA of South Kearney, N.J. the Ring Host for the occasion...From Patsy Bosco, former boxer of 16 Grenada St., Toms River, N.J. 08757: Pat would like to hear from old friends and members of the NVBA. He feels that Asbury Park and Toms River, N.J. should have many former fighters and fight fans who might be interested in getting Ring 34 active again. "If interested, give Pat a ring".

The old Guard Passeth—

Lew Feldman, age 72, featherweight-lightweight contender of the 1930-40 era, died at his home on North Hollywood, California, on May 11th, 1983 of a heart attack. An outstanding boxer, Feldman was born at Edinbourgh, Scotland Oct, 1st, 1910 and fought nine world's champions; Bat Battalino, Henry Armstrong, Chalky Wright, Mike Belloise, Kid Chocolate, Lew Jenkins, Tommy Paul, Freddie Miller and Richie Lemos. Rest in Peace ... **Billy Petrolle,** "The Fargo Express," age 78, passed away in May in a Vero Beach, Fla. Hospital. Billy, a great fighter from the old school, thrilled many fans with his slam-bang style of fighting in the '20s and early 30s. He fought 11 champions at one time or another but only Tony Canzoneri for the title which he lost in a fifteen round bout on Nov. 4, 1932 in N.Y.C. The Great Hall of Fame fights with Jimmy McLarnin, King Tut and a pair with Bat Battalino are listed as classics in boxing history. In later years Petrolle operated a religious articles business in Duluth, Minn. Rest in Peace ... **Mickey Greb,** age 72, formerly from Pittsburgh, Pa., later boxing out of Belleville, N.J., died on May 12, 1983, a victim of leukemia. Fought Johnny Dundee, Nel Tarleton and Freddie Red Cochrane among others. Was a retired N.J. State Athletic Commission referee and is enshrined into the N.J. boxing Hall of Fame. Rest in Peace ... **Mannie Seamon,** Age 85, former great trainer who worked with lightweight champ Benny Leonard and the Brown Bomber, Joe Louis. Died on March 25, 1983, at his Manhattan home after a long illness. Rest in Peace.

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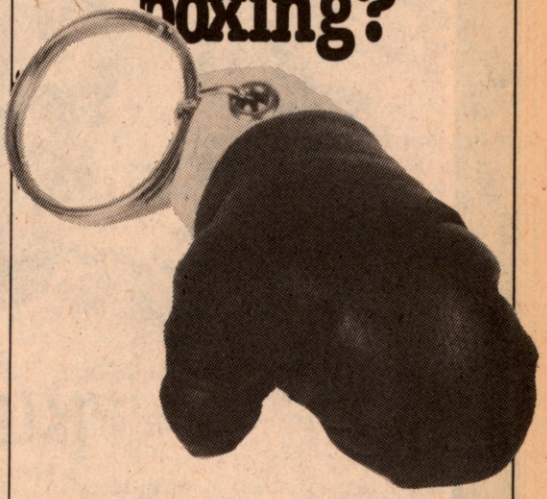

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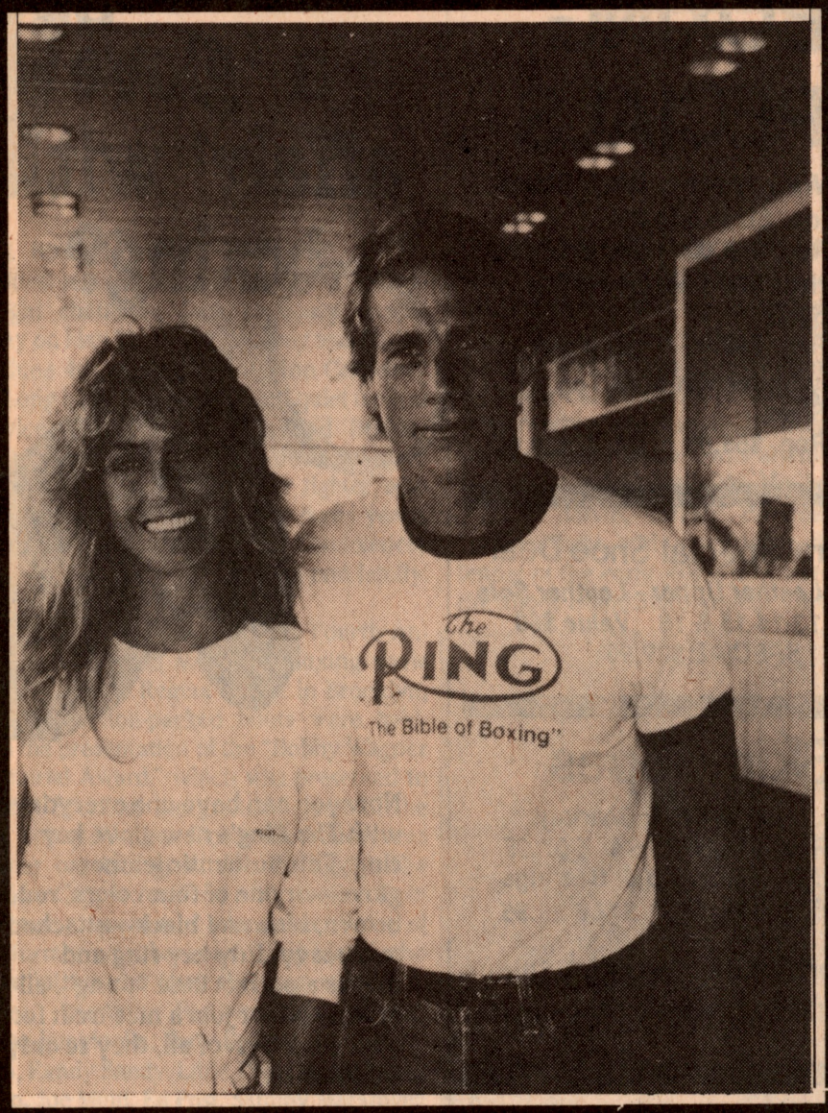

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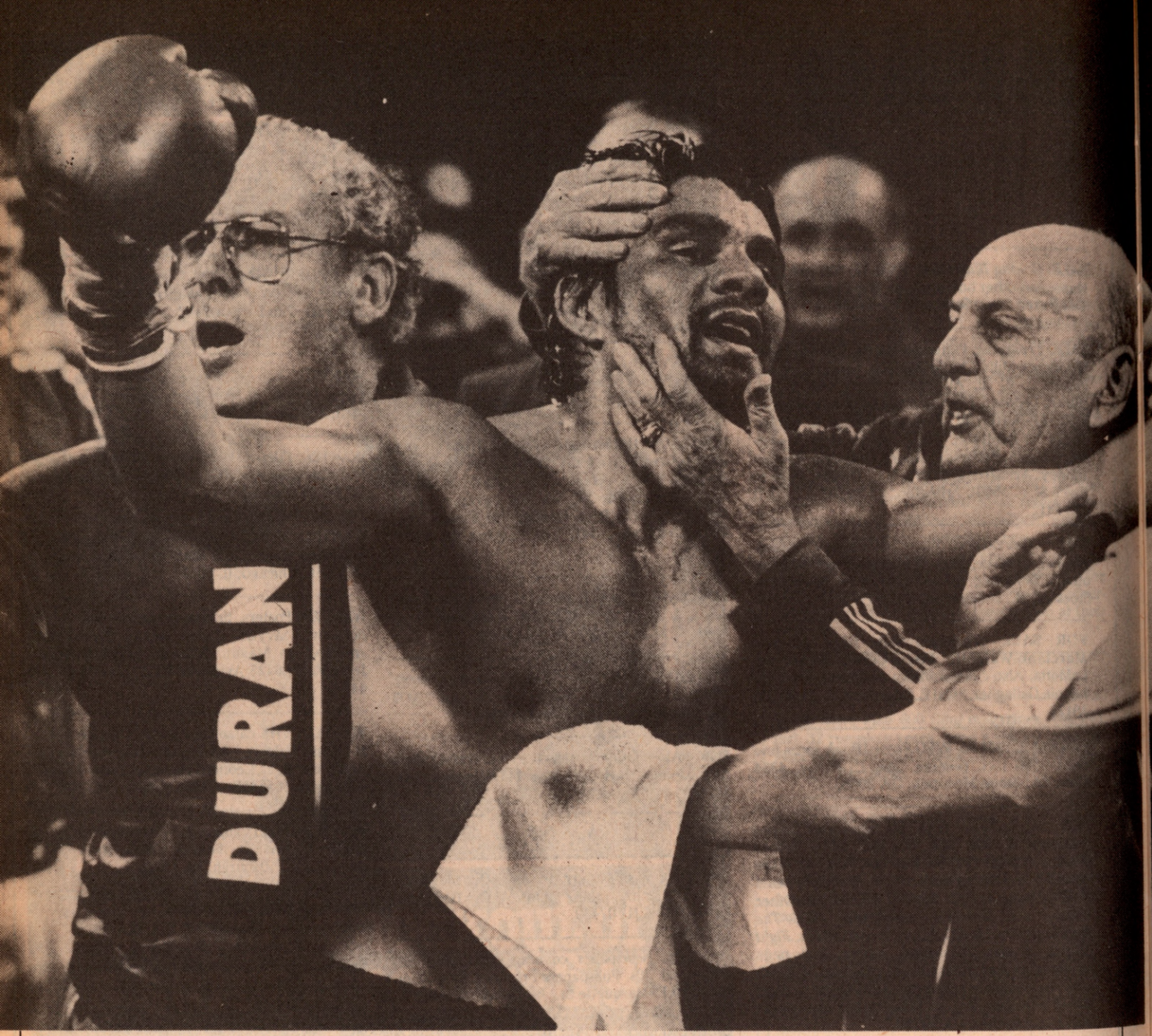
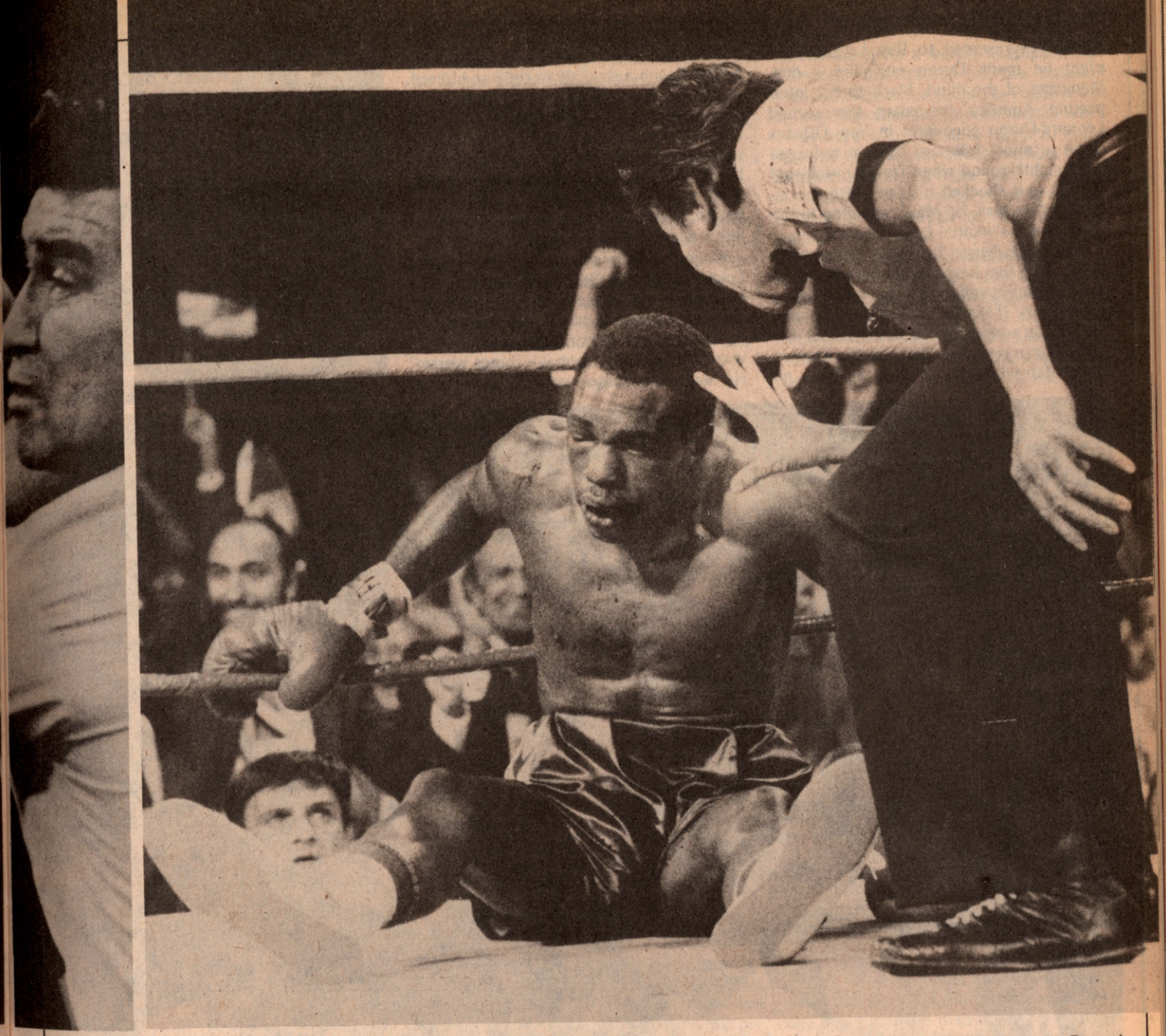


THE RETURN OF ROBERTO —AND MACHISMO

BY JOSE "CHEQUI" TORRES

THE DATE WAS JUNE 16, 1983. THE SETTING was Madison Square Garden, once the mecca of boxing, but for almost a decade now an empty shrine to what used to be. But for one night it came alive again, taking on the appearance of a religious revival meeting as the Garden teemed with the devoted who had flocked to see the high priest of *machismo* come back to claim what was rightfully his. They were all there, all singing his praises in Spanish: his fellow Panamanians; Puerto Ricans who came ready to forget Roberto Duran's insult to them before the Nino Gonzalez fight; Dominicans and Mexicans who wanted to help their brother redeem himself and his Hispanic heritage; and Cubans, especially



those from Miami, who Duran believed never abandoned him. They were there to exhort Roberto Duran to rise to the heights he had once scaled, to make the world forget the disgrace of "No Mas".

They had come 20,061 strong to cheer for their idol. And any others presented to them on their night of nights. They had cheered the celebrities introduced in the ring before the main event: celebrities like Sugar Ray Leonard and Marvin Hagler, Floyd Patterson and Bobby Chacon, Hector Camacho and Jake LaMotta. But they saved their biggest cheers for the specter of their once-great hero, Muhammad Ali, and their fallen hero, Jack Dempsey. They booed lustily when heavyweight contender Gerry Cooney was introduced to the huge crowd as the tall, clumsy heavyweight walked around the ring expecting to receive the adulation he normally receives from people of the Caucasian race. This was not to be his tonight; the Latin crowd was having none of his posturing, thirsting only for the real thing.

And then, suddenly, there it was. It swirled up the aisles behind an oversized Panamanian flag: Roberto Duran's entourage, heading for the ring. Among those leading the serpentine parade was a tall, slender, beautiful woman, black as pitch, dressed in white with a red kerchief wrapped around her neck and a white-tiered hat that, appropriately, resembled the fancy top of a birthday cake on this, Roberto Duran's thirty-second birthday. While 40,122 eyes were on Duran, this woman, seen by only a few interested onlookers, walked unnoticed around the ring several times, touching each of its four corners and mumbling unheard words. She then walked slowly, deliberately, towards Duran, who was gyrating his body continuously, stopping only at times to shadow box. Oblivious of the noise 20,061 throats were making, she smiled and nodded at the once-and-future champ. Her smile seemed to say, "There! I did my job; Now it's up to you." She was a Cuban spiritualist from Guanabacoa.

"She represents tonight," said a black Cuban man sitting behind me—what Ray

Charles represented to Ray Leonard the night he made Duran quit like a dog. Memories of the blind, black singer interpreting America preceding the second Leonard-Duran encounter in New Orleans came to mind, followed by that unforgettable eighth round when Duran humiliated himself and shocked his fans with the infamous "No Mas, No Mas," signaling to the world that he wanted Leonard no more.

Ever since, Duran has been besieged by accusations that have driven the once-great Panamanian pugilist to the edge of a breakdown. Theories have overwhelmed the boxing community as to the forces that made Duran resign his crown to the modern Sugar Man without a struggle. Perhaps, no one will ever know; not even Duran. But the fighter began a struggle to redeem himself, to get his macho-man reputation back, to erase the idea from the minds of millions who thought he was a coward. He was attempting to recapture his old image, to save his manhood, an effort that many, including some of his closest friends, thought was a put-on, a farce, to justify his reincorporation into a society that repudiated him.

When Duran defeated Nino Gonzalez and Luigi Minchillo in 1981, all he received from his friends was advice to quit the game that had made him one of the most prominent figures in the world of pugilism. "Stop," he was told, "before you make things worse." He had made things worse, as a matter of fact, when, in a pre-fight press conference, he accused Gonzalez of being just one of many Puerto Ricans who came to the U.S. to live off the welfare rolls. When he suffered a loss at the hands of WBC welterweight king Wilfred Benitez on January 20, 1980, his dreams of becoming champion once more seemed to be an unattainable fantasy. It was further sealed eight months later when unknown Kirkland Laing got the best of him in a 10-round pseudo fight in Detroit. Close friends abandoned the poor, defeated, ex-macho man. A lousy, unexciting victory that same year over another unknown, Jimmy Batten, didn't do much for Duran. This one should have sent him home for good. Instead, the man persisted.

fight seriously for a world's championship?

Besides, the trauma of the constant humiliation from his people in Panama and the majority of the boxing community was a heavy burden for Duran to carry. At home he could not walk the streets without being harassed. Journalists there made fun of him and called on their countryman to quit the game before he wound up punch-drunk or dead in a back alley.

When Duran was matched to fight former WBA welterweight king Pipino Cuevas in a junior middleweight fight earlier this year, Arum thought it was a good test for the Panamanian. Perhaps his last chance at convincing some of his old fans that Duran could come back and make them proud

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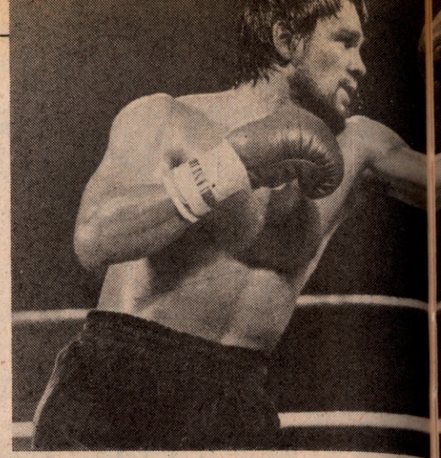
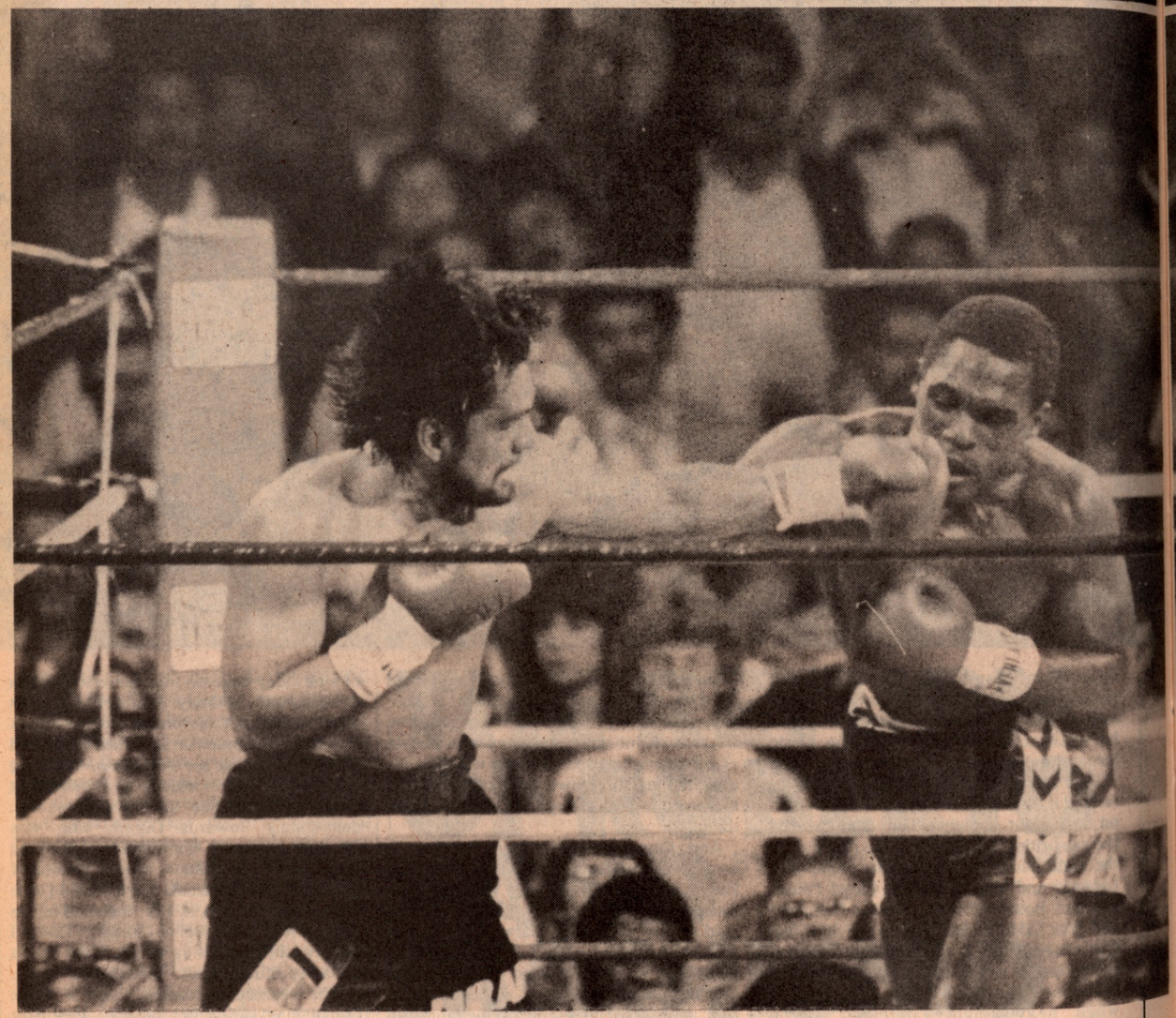
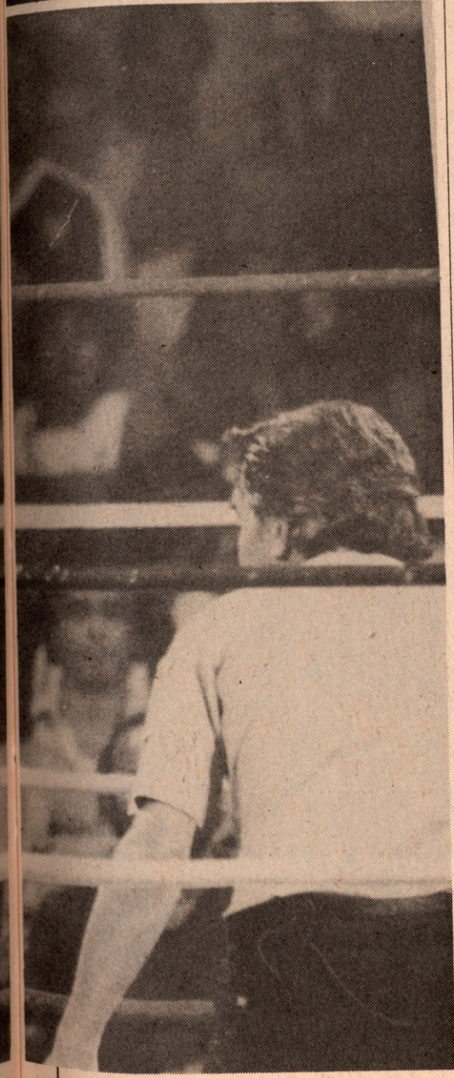
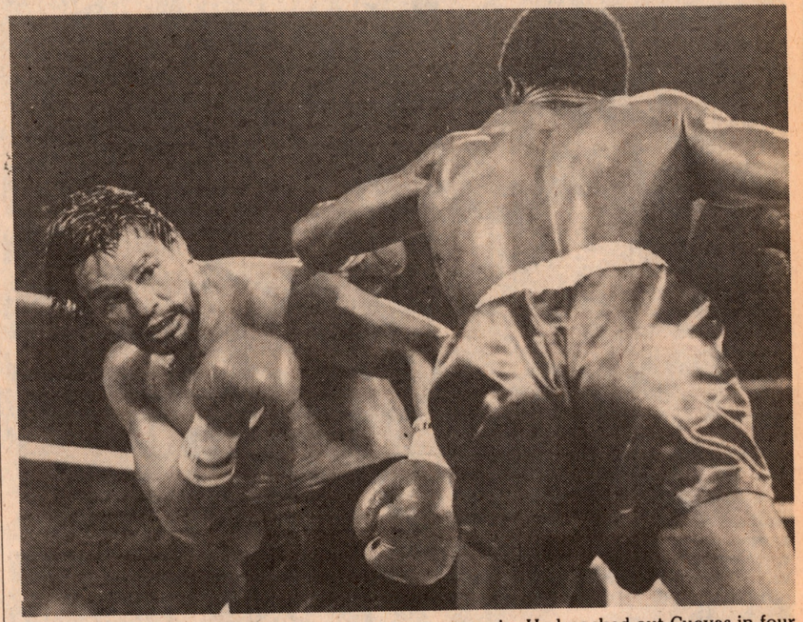








Only one man believed in him: promoter Bob Arum, who could not conceive that a fighter as great as Duran had been until that miserable No Mas night, could collapse wholly in one single fight. Impossible! So, when promoter Don King jettisoned Duran, Arum took it upon himself to bring back the former great. If he couldn't reach the greatness of yesteryear, then why not try to bring out his best of today? Eighty percent of the old Duran was certainly better than 100 percent of many of today's welter and junior middleweight fighters. But, how could he motivate Duran to reach his best of today? How could anyone convince a man to suffer and to sacrifice for many months the hard training to get back in tip-top shape? How could a rich, fat man with 16 years of boxing experience, almost 32 years of age, 79 professional fights and 30 pounds of added weight pull himself together to once again. He knocked out Cuevas in four rounds. And although many skeptics insisted that the two fighters were burned out, one being more so than the other, still people were talking again about Duran.

The pieces had come together: Duran was once again saleable, Tony Ayala had effectively removed himself from the junior middleweight picture, and the Mancini-Bogner, Moore-Duran double-header originally scheduled for South Africa had broken up with the breakage in Boom Boom Mancini's collar bone. Now the Roberto Duran-Davey Moore fight stood alone; and Madison Square Garden stood empty. The *matrimonio* was obvious, especially to a man of Bob Arum's marketing acumen.

And so, on that night of nights, as Roberto Duran answered the bell for the first round, his fate—and the future of *machismo* as well—lay firmly in his once-talented hands.

At the bell, Duran walked straight to Moore and they met in the center of the ring. Duran jabbed and moved; Moore did the same. There was a semi-smile on Moore's face. Duran's eyes were impersonal, cold, detached, hungry. His attitude was that of the old, lightweight Duran. He jabbed and jabbed in the first round and, at one point, Moore moved his head slightly to his left to evade one of Duran's jabs, and Duran's thumb met Moore's right eye. The inexperienced champ could not hide the accident. He showed all of us, including Duran, that his eye was hurt.

By the time the fourth round had begun, Duran, who by then was not sure if Moore was really that vulnerable, tested the champ by throwing a couple of combinations to his body. Moore responded by involuntarily lifting his right foot, unable to hide flinches of pain on his face. Indeed, Moore was that easy. Right then and there Duran realized that, in his 80th fight, he was to become the eighth man—and only the third Hispanic—to win three different world titles. No young kid with only 12 professional fights and 46 pro rounds could begin to think he could beat Duran.

Round four found Duran in complete control of the bout. By round four, "I began to try to give him confidence," said Duran later of Moore, "by not punching much and by letting him get off more." But Moore had been taken apart little by little, and had already lost his strength and his hope. Realizing this, Duran gave up any type of strategy and instead started to throw bombs at the eroding champ. The end became a matter of time.

After two minutes of fighting in the seventh round the Hispanic crowd stood up, waiting for the inevitable end. They screamed at the top of their lungs in anticipation of the soon-to-come victory. But referee Erenesto Magana, imported from Mexico, could not see that Moore's entire being was so seriously wounded that it could go on no more. Then, as Moore reared backwards, his right eye closed, his liver, ribs and stomach begging for compassion, Duran, cold as ever, walked in and threw a straight right to Moore's face. The champ, the crown no longer his, went down slowly. Unfortunately, he was saved by the bell.

Moore's trainer, Leon Washington, struggled with his defeated champion in the corner and thoughts of stopping the fight came to his mind. The one minute rest period was too short, and when the bell sounded for round eight, Duran went for the kill.

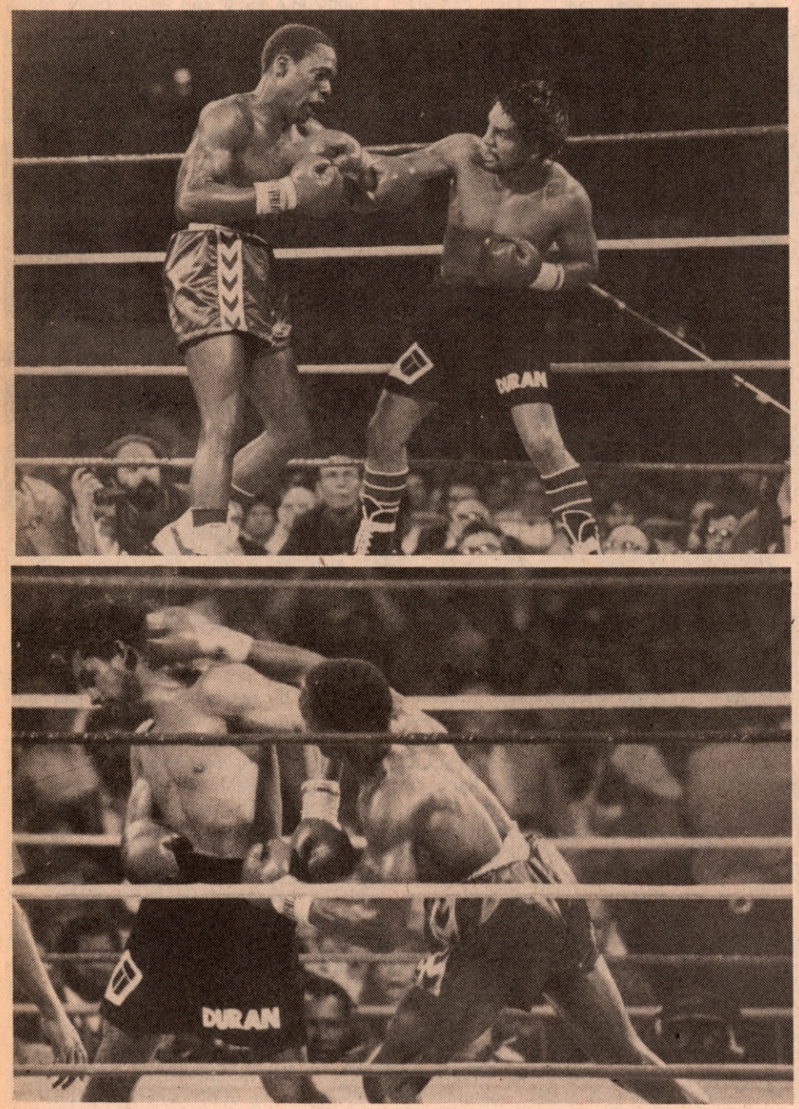
It was a pathetic two minutes. Referee Magana stared at the incredible pounding Duran was giving a defenseless and beaten Moore and simply froze. Yells from the press row to stop the fight went unheard. Finally, after Magana ignored a towel that had been thrown into the ring from Moore's corner signalling surrender, Jay Edson, a former referee and now a Top Rank official, jumped into the ring, provoking the referee to wake up and put a stop to the one-sided fight.

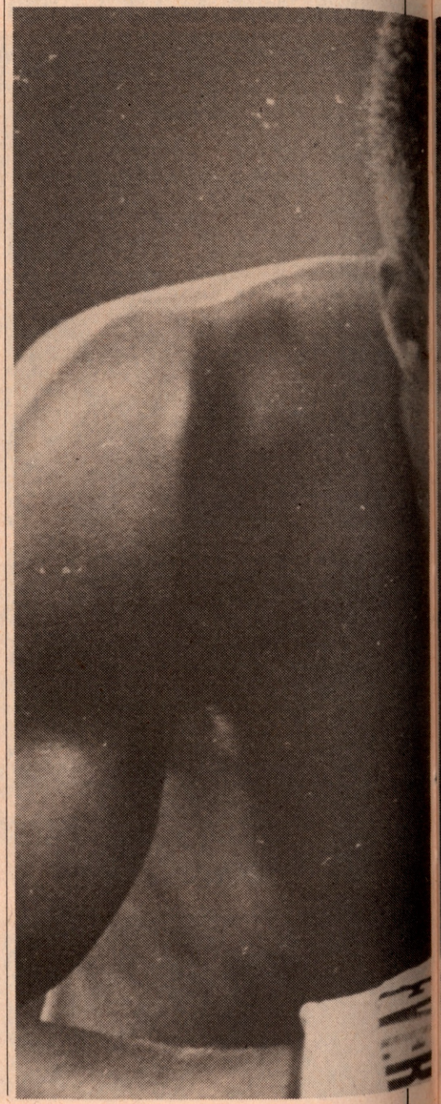
After the fight, Duran said he had plans: "I'll go to Panama for half a day to see General Paredes and a few close friends," he said. "Then I'll go to Miami to see *mis amigos cubanos*..." And the Cuban woman, black and beautiful, came to mind. So did Marvelous Marvin Hagler.

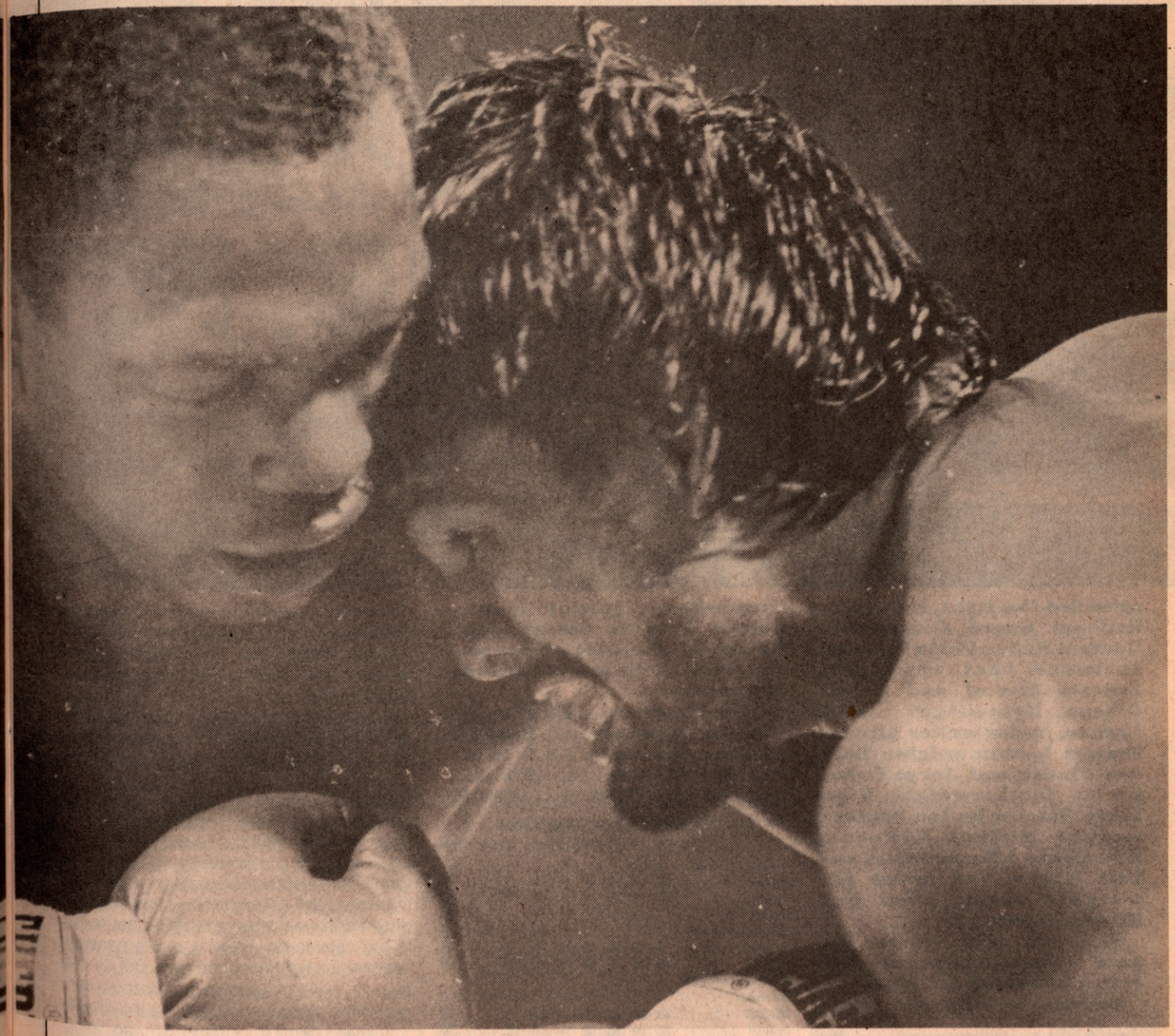
PANAMA.—ONE WORLD CHAMpion and twelve former world champions traveled to New York to see Roberto "Mano de Piedra" Duran beat Davey Moore on the night of June 16 for the junior middleweight championship.

The champion was Eusebio Pedroza, WBA featherweight titleholder, who will defend his crown for the 17th time against Dominican contender Jose Caba on August 13, at Saint Vincent, Italy.

The former champions who







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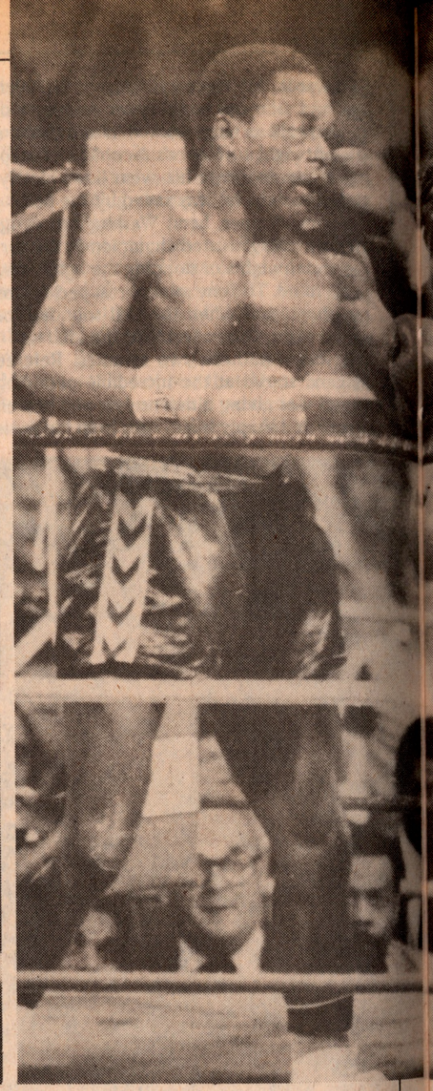

attended the fight, invited by National Guard Commander General Ruben Dario Parades, included featherweights Ernesto Marcel and Rafael Ortega; lightweight Ismael Laguna; junior welter Alfonso Frazer; bantamweights Enrique Pinder and Jorge Lujan; junior featherweight Rigoberto Riasco; junior bantamweight Rafael Pedroza; flyweights Alfonso Lopez and Luis Ibarra; and junior flyweights Jaime Rios and Hilario Zapata.

Of them, only Pedroza Zapata, Lujan and Lopez are still active in boxing activites.

Besides, two former world contenders, junior lightweight Antonio Amaya and flyweight Orlando Amores, also were in the group invited by Paredes.

From the group, only Marcel was an opponent of Duran, who beat Marcel by T.K.O. in 10 rounds on May 16, 1970 in Panama City. TOMAS A. CUPAS

DURAN-MOORE SCORECARDS

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	.	Tot.
Judge Y. Yusako									
MOORE	10	9	9	10	10	10	7	.	65
DURAN	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	.	70
Judge Fernand Viso									
MOORE	9	9	10	9	10	9	8	.	64
DURAN	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	.	70
Judge Kasumasa Kuwata									
MOORE	10	9	10	10	9	10	7	.	65
DURAN	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	.	70

"The only reason he wasn't defending himself was that he couldn't see."
—Leon Washington, "justifying" his sending a battered Davey Moore out for the eighth round.

"If I hadn't jumped into the ring, I don't think Magaña ever would have stopped the fight."—Top Rank co-ordinator, Jay Edson.

Duran gave Moore a thorough going-over through the entire fight, methodically pounding the champion's rock-hard body and connecting repeatedly to the head. When Duran landed the big right hand near the end of the seventh round that sent the dazed and weakened champion bouncing to the canvas on the seat of his pants, it seemed the fight might be over. But Moore made it up on guts and staggered to his corner as the bell sounded, ending the round.

"Davey Moore wanted to go on," Washington said later. "I know he fights well when hurt and has great recuperative powers." But Moore was clearly beyond recuperating. Duran was fresher and Davey was handicapped by obstructed vision. The only thing accomplished by allowing Moore out for the eighth round was to soften him up for his next opponent.

If Washington's lack of good judgment was imprudent, then the referee's ineptness was criminal. Duran picked up in the eighth round right where he had left off in the seventh. Feet planted firmly, he teed off on the virtually defenseless Moore. Magaña ("M-A-G-A-N with a little thing over it-A," Bob Arum enunciated afterward, so all would get it right) stood indifferently, intervening only once, *to warn Moore for holding.* When the towel finally came from Moore's corner, after Roberto landed a vicious right that sent Davey falling into the turnbucle nearly two minutes into the round, Magaña stood by lackadaisically.

It's a good thing for Moore that Jay Edson, a former referee, acted instinctively without stopping to think of the propriety of climbing into the ring. If he hadn't, Duran might still be hitting Davey now.

The World Boxing Association outdid itself in providing a collection of the most incompetent officials ever assigned to a world title fight in recent years.

Originally, the WBA selected South African Stanely Christodoulou to referee, an inspired choice, given the anti-South Africa protests that were promised for the fight.

Christodoulou was disqualified on Wednesday afternoon. Ratings chairman Elias Cordova announced at the rules meeting at the New York Statler that Magaña of Mexico would be the referee and that the three judges would be Y. Yusako and Kasumasa Kuwata of Japan and Fernand Viso of Venezuela.

Moore's manager, Leon Washington, protested that as champion, Moore should be entitled to a "black referee," or at the very least, "neutral, non-Latin officials."

"The WBA does not assign officials by race," the affable Cordova said after rejecting Washington's demands. "Mr. Washington does not understand that Latin America is not a country. We have neutral officials."

The two Japanese judges carried the concept of "neutrality" to comical extremes, scoring four even rounds apiece. Duran pounded Moore in rounds 5 and 6, setting up the near-knockout in the next frame; Yusako called round 5 even and both he and Kuwata tabbed the sixth round even.

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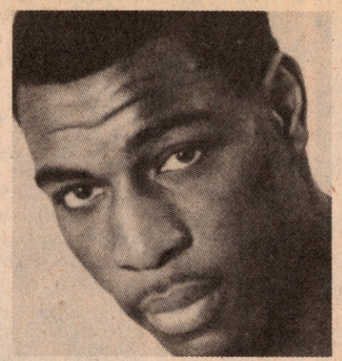
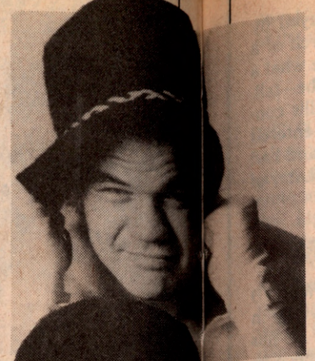
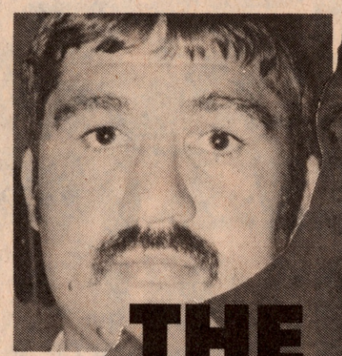
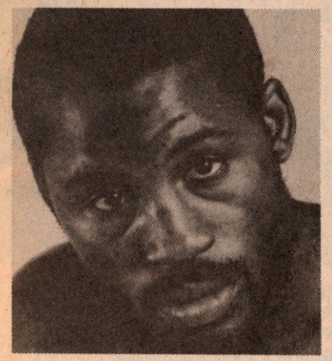
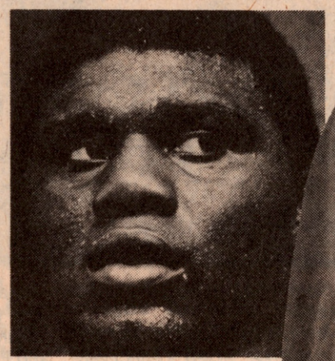
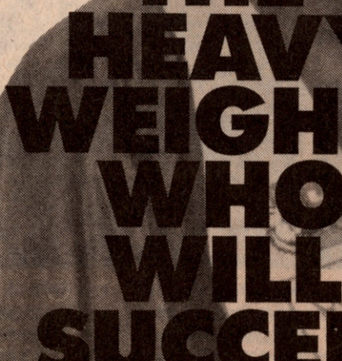
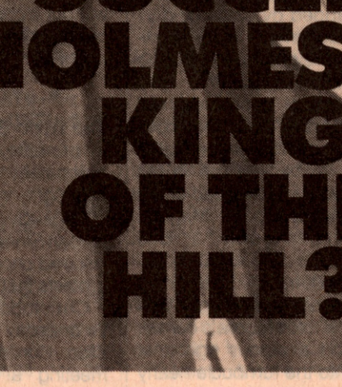
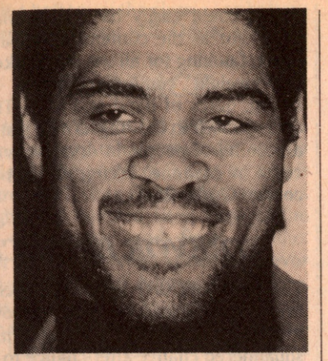
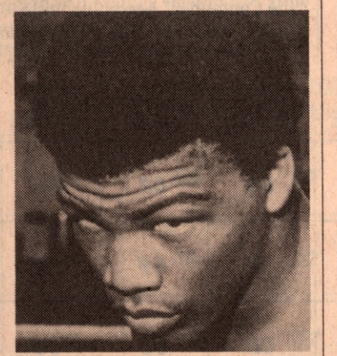







THE HEAVY-WEIGHTS: WHO WILL SUCCEED HOLMES AS KING OF THE HILL?

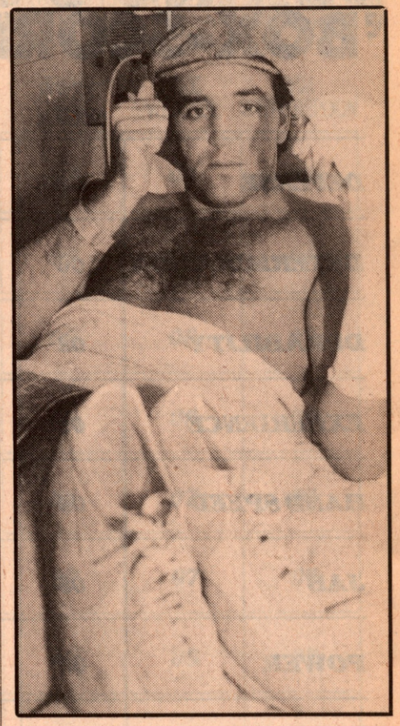
TEN YEARS OR MORE AGO A PRODUCT CALLED 100 PIPERS SCOTCH CAME out with a novel advertising campaign: Featuring the best of every athlete in a given field put together into one overall composite (like the determination of a Marciano, the punching power of a Louis, the speed of an Ali, etc.) with the resulting graphic looking like something out of EtchaSketch school of art. The intention of the ad was to show that, like the composite drawing, the scotch in question was the best blend of scotches melded into one. Well, the product is long gone—tasting more like all 100 pipers had used the product as a receptacle for other uses than scotch—but the advertising campaign still remains one of the classics. And gave the Editors of Ring an idea for assessing the "best" in the heavyweight division, and not incidentally, the successor to Larry Holmes.

BY COMPILING A UNIQUE SCORING SYSTEM—called "Boxing's Official Box-Score"—we have established the 10 areas which make up the total boxer: Defense, Determination, Durability, Experience, Hand Speed, Jab, Power, Size, Stamina and Talent. And, by ascribing a value of 10 (the highest) through one (the lowest), we were able to "grade" the 19 leading heavyweights in the world today by adding up their composite scores. Thus, we were able to give "10's" to Randy (Tex) Cobb for Durability and to Gerry Cooney for size, 9's to Greg Page and Michael Dokes for Talent and 9's to Dokes and Page for Hand Speed, Cooney for Power, Mike Weaver and Marvis Frazier for Stamina and Page for Jab. The remainder of the scores ranged from 3's (Cobb, Defense and Tillis, Determination) through 8, giving us an overall look at the "Best" in the class. Granted, these scores reflect the threadbare condition of the heavyweight division today and are far from the historic "Best's" captured in the 100 Pipers ad; they still give us the best gauge around today and may even provide boxing with the standard manner of judging fighters for years to come..

GERRY COONEY

GERRY COONEY REMAINS THE HEAVYweight division's—if not all of boxing's—biggest enigma. With only 19 rounds of action in the last 42 months, he has virtually disappeared from the face of boxing, chasing the dark shadows of his mind rather than the bright prospects of his future—having pulled out of his upcoming fight with *un*contender Phillip Brown (so unknown that the New York *Daily News* headlined the postponement: "Cooney-Phillips Fight Off") because of a busted knuckle. One ringside witness to Cooney standing atop a chair basking in the roars of the crowd before the recent Hagler-Scypion to-do, Peter Marciano, could only say, "If he had one-tenth the guts of my brother, he's be heavyweight champion." If he ever finds his way back into the main arena—without injuries or head problems—and doesn't fight boxing's Barney Clarks, he might once again be the force to be reckoned with. But not till then. **Odds: 6-1**

BY THE RING STAFF



RENALDO "MR." SNIPES

CONSISTENCY MIGHT BE THE HOBGOBLIN OF little minds, but it has never had a hold on Renaldo "Mr." Snipes; nor on his performances. Called Mr. "Swipes" early in his career for his fall-away look-away overhand swing, he has now become the heavyweight division's trojan horse—full of surprises. Snipes threw his first picture-perfect punch—straight from the shoulder—against Larry Holmes in a losing effort. Against Scott Frank, he reverted to form, twice missing with such force he knocked himself down. Then, against Trevor Berbick, he unleashed a new weapon, a left hook, which sent Berbick sprawling into the ropes. And

against Greg Page he once again looked like an unschooled amateur, punctuated by the by-now famous Renaldo Snipes no-pupil stare. If he is to once again become "the" contender he hopes to be, he'd better look into sharpening his skills, not into the air. **Odds: 13-1**

TEX COBB

IF LAUGHS COULD KILL, RANDALL (TEX) Cobb would be the undisputed wearer of the heavyweight crown. Instead, this "Clown Prince of Boxing" is just passing through the division on his way to his career. Cobb possesses the almost inhuman ability to take punishment above and beyond the call of duty, his bouts likened to pig-sticking contest. Unfortunately, he does not possess the sufficient power to bring an opponent down and is reduced to wearing them down by becoming a walking fungo ball. His next fight may well be for the kick boxing championship of the world, which tells you something about his determination to rise to the top of the heavy heap. **Odds: 20-1**

JAMES "QUICK" TILLIS

HIS PART IN THE UNFOLDING HEAVYWEIGHT drama could easily have been played by Bert Lahr as the contender in search of a heart. Looking for all the world like what a heavyweight contender should be—tall, strong, quick of hand and foot—Tillis conducts himself in the ring as if he just entered a roomful of people in dress suits and had come in costume. Posing as Bert Lahr, of course. **Odds: 25-1**

TREVOR BERBICK

THE HEAVYWEIGHT DIVISION'S ANSWER TO the crossing guard: in order to move up in the division one must get past him. He has squandered chance-after-chance to become "the Contender," becoming, instead, the opponent. And after his totally disinterested performance against S.T. Gordon, he now

BOXING'S OFFICIAL 'BOX-SCORE'

	TREVOR BERBICK	JAMES BROAD	FRANK BRUNO	TEX COBB	GERRIE COETZEE	GERRY COONEY	MICHAEL DOKES	SCOTT FRANK	MARVIS FRAZIER
DEFENSE	***06***	***05***	***06***	***03***	***06***	***06***	***08***	***05***	***07***
DETERMINATION	***06***	***06***	***06***	***09***	***06***	***06***	***07***	***07***	***08***
DURABILITY	***08***	***07***	***06***	***10***	***07***	***05***	***08***	***06***	***07***
EXPERIENCE	***08***	***04***	***04***	***07***	***08***	***05***	***08***	***05***	***05***
HAND SPEED	***05***	***05***	***06***	***04***	***07***	***06***	***09***	***05***	***08***
JAB	***05***	***07***	***07***	***04***	***07***	***06***	***08***	***06***	***06***
POWER	***06***	***07***	***08***	***06***	***08***	***09***	***07***	***05***	***06***
SIZE	***08***	***08***	***08***	***08***	***08***	***10***	***08***	***07***	***05***
STAMINA	***08***	***07***	***05***	***09***	***06***	***07***	***07***	***06***	***09***
TALENT	***06***	***06***	***07***	***04***	***08***	***08***	***09***	***05***	***07***
TOTAL	***66***	***62***	***63***	***64***	***71***	***68***	***79***	***57***	***68***

MICHAEL DOKES: 79; GREG PAGE: 78; MIKE WEAVER: 77; RENALDO SNIPES: 72; TIM WITHERSPOON; GERRIE COETZEE: 71; PINKLON THOMAS: 70; GERRY COONEY; MARVIS FRAZIER: 68; TREVOR BERBICK: 66; JOHN TATE; TONY TUBBS: 65 TEX COBB: 64; S.T.

goes to the bottom of the class . . . or bottom of the crossing, if you will. **Odds: 16-1**

GREG PAGE

THE CLASS OF THE CLASS WITH ALL THE talent to beat any other contender on any given night. The problem is that no one is quite sure which Greg Page will show up on that night: the talented Greg Page of the Alfredo Evangelista and Scott LeDoux fights, or the listless Greg Page of the Trevor Berbick and "Big Foot" Johnson fights. Also, Page has been beset by numerous problems which hardly contributed to his concentration on boxing, including—but not limited to—the death of his father, the tug-of-war by promoters for his services and last, but hardly least, his own personal battle of the bulge, his waistline. If he can conquer all of the above, he can conquer all. **Odds: 4-1**

LUCIEN RODRIGUEZ

THE GALLIC WARRIOR CHARITABLY COMES in 19th—he could have finished 50th were there that many heavyweights to rate—out of 19. And for good reason: he can't fight. Years ago the comic-strip character Joe Palooka was scheduled to fight Jean Bateeze, the unrecognized champion of Canada. In a prefight interview cartoonist Ham Fisher had Bateese saying: "You h'ask me say smet'ing? H'Okay! Palooka, she's afraid to fight me! Behol' m'sieu! Eef she's accept my shallenge, Bateese, pool heem leemb from leemb, by Gar!" Well, Rodriguez is no Bateeste, although he is as big a cartoon character. And that's why he's Number 19, 'by Gar" **Odds: 100-1**

MIKE WEAVER

BOXING'S VERSION OF FERDINAND THE bull: a placid, soft-spoken man who would rather stop and smell the posies than be in the ring posing as a contender. Weaver's performances have been sporty, at best, as witnessed by his lethargic performance against Quick Tillis in defense of his crown. But his fight against Michael Dokes—not to be confused with his one against Joey Curtis—was perhaps the greatest fight of his career. Unfortunately, Weaver has never liked boxing and the Dokes fight might not only have been his high-water mark, but his swan song as well. **Odds: 5-1**

S.T. GORDON	GREG PAGE	LUCIEN RODRIGUEZ	RENALDO SNIPES	PINKLON THOMAS	JOHN TATE	"QUICK" TILLIS	TONY TUBBS	MIKE WEAVER	TIM WITHERSPOON
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GORDON; FRANK BRUNO: 63; JAMES BROAD: 62; "QUICK" TILLIS: 61; SCOTT FRANK: 57; LUCIEN RODRIGUEZ: 52

TIM WITHERSPOON

THEY CALL HIM "TERRIBLE TIM." AND FOR one minute in the ninth round of his fight with Larry Holmes he was. But one moment does not a career make. And there are too many open questions about Witherspoon's previous 15 fights: His stamina, his punch, his chin and his championship ability. But for one magic moment Tim was "Terrible"; the big question is whether he also is just plain terrible, or Tim Terrific as well. **Odds: 8-1**

MARVIS FRAZIER

"WHAT'S A NICE SMALL BOY LIKE YOU doing in a division like this?" one is tempted to ask Marvis Frazier. But then one remembers his pedigree and performance against James Broad and somehow the question answers itself. For the moment, at least. But more questions lie ahead for this chip off the ol' smokin' block. And the biggest seems to be his small size, the smallest in a division populated by people who look like they belong at the top of a beanstalk. **Odds: 9-1**

S.T. GORDON

AT 195 HE IS THE COCK OF THE CRUISERweight walk—whatever and wherever that is. But against 220-pounders, he cannot bring his punch with him and will have difficulty, great difficulty, competing. Gordon went into the heavyweight division for the big bucks involved but he may have to vacate the neighborhood soon after his nonfight with Berbick, the fans unwilling to pay the big bucks to watch a cruiserweight in heavyweight clothing. **Odds: 20-1**

JAMES BROAD

JAMES BROAD IS, TO PARAPHRASE A LINE from Oscar Hammerstein, "as broad as a boxer should be broad—his nickname "Broad Axe" mistaken by many to read "Broad Ass." The possessor of as fearsome a left jab as has been seen since George Foreman's battering ram, Broad lacks the motivation to climb to the top—especially since he has trouble controlling his notinsignificant weight problem. His entire reputation, if not name, was based on his one-punch knockout of Marvis Frazier in the amatueurs. Having lost to Frazier in the pros, he now needs to re-establish his name; and not merely his name as a "Broad Ass," but his name as a fighter. **Odds: 16-1**

SCOTT FRANK

SCOTT FRANK IS WHITE AND THE HEAVYweight champion of New Jersey. That, and a dime won't get you through the Lincoln Tunnel to New York—and the big time. The nominal successor to Chuck Wepner as champion of the Garden State, Scott is hardly a contender at all. Unless you count the fact that he emulates the real contenders by taking long leaves of absence from the ring. His ill-deserved draw against Renaldo Snipes speaks volumes about his abilities—or lack thereof. **Odds: 200-1**

MICHAEL DOKES

MICHAEL DOKES IS PERHAPS THE QUICKEST fighter in boxing today—for one round . . . Then something happens to this Dr. Jekyl: He winds down like a clock whose inner workings have sprung, fighting in a slow-mo that even Roone Arledge couldn't have foreseen, his so-called "Dynamite" invisible after the 6th round. Dokes takes a wicked punch, as witnessed by the bombs he took from Mike Weaver. But Dokes gives the impression he is not born to the ring, so anxious is he to forego return bouts with the likes of Tex Cobb and Mike Weaver. So far this personable young gentleman has only proven one thing: that he is Don King's wedge into the WBA. To become Larry Holmes' successor he must do more—much more—than he has shown thus far—something he's capable of doing. **Odds: 3½-1**

GERRIE COETZEE

THE HEAVIEST HITTER AMONGST THE heavyweights today, this "Bionic Man" has had two shots at a piece of the heavyweight crown . . . and each time came up short. In his last fight, against Pinklon Thomas, he tired in the late rounds. His stand-up European style, lack of stamina, and heritage in a world still consumed with looking at a man's ancestry rather than his ability, all conspire against him. Still, a heavyweight with a punch must be given a chance . . . if he can get a fight. **Odds: 11-1**

PINKLON THOMAS

THE MAN WITH THE MOST COLORFUL NAME in the heavyweight division today remains almost as uncolorful in the ring where it counts. He has become the heavyweight division's Designated Hitter, responding to panic calls when others called don't show up—or just plain won't. But still, he must start takin' care of business by meeting, and beating, those people in the ring whose names still stand above him—and who still stand, period. His last fight was against Gerrie Coetzee last January, and after lo these many months he is still seeking yet another bout. Pinklon cannot take his time; it isn't on his side. If he continues with his twice-a-year schedule he can challenge Gerry Cooney for the Inactive Heavyweight Championship of the world. And that's about all. **Odds: 12-1**

JOHN TATE

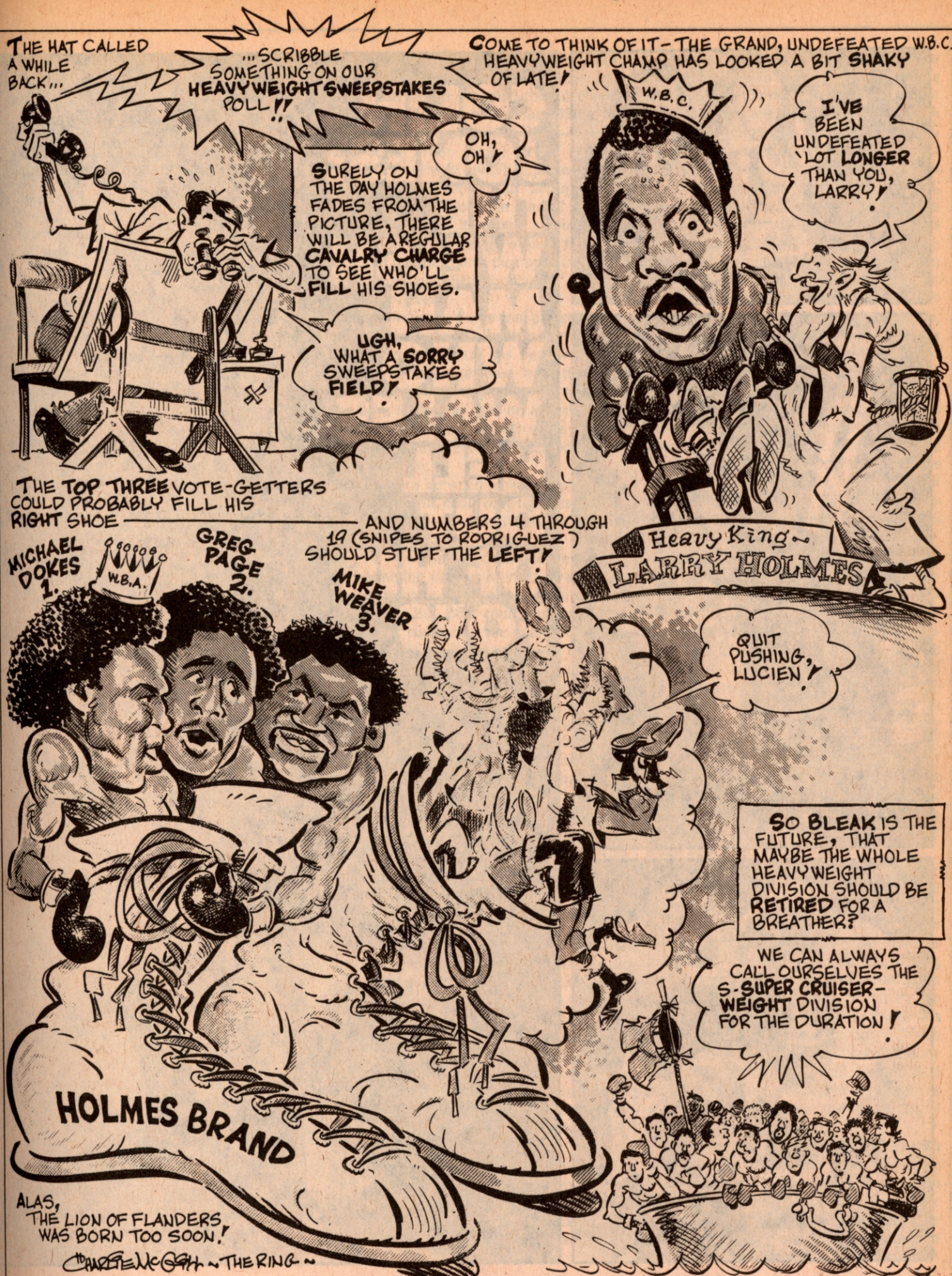
HARDLY PROOF THAT NICE GUYS FINISH last, or even first, John Tate is still plying his trade—and still winning. Once the king of the heavyweight mountain, at least that part of the mountain that resides in the WBA's balliwick, John still carries with him the scars of two of the most visible knockouts in heavyweight history, against Mike Weaver and against Trevor Berbick. And yet those are the only two defeats the onetime champion has ever suffered, not to mention the only two knockdowns. He's big and strong, even if mechanical, and now has added another dimension, muscling his opponents around the ring—as witnessed by his last fight against Donnie Long. While it's far too optimistic to predict that John Tate will be back, it just might be that he's never gone too far away . . . at least from the top ten. **Odds: 10-1**

FRANK BRUNO

BY ANY OTHER NAME HE STILL SOUNDS LIKE another British heavyweight, reminding us of Dorothy Parker's line: If all the British heavyweights were laid end-to-end, we wouldn't be surprised. How can a man who follows in the hallowed footsteps of such floorsweepers as Phaintin' Phil Scott, Bruce Woodcock, Brian London, and others who have fought under the Union Jack, be taken seriously? Well, you say, he forced Scott LeDoux into retirement. That alone qualifies him only for the Gene Hersholt Humanitarian Award; or, at the very least, the Gerry Cooney Over-the-Hill Oak Leaf Cluster. What Bruno must do is fight someone in the top 10 . . . no, make that top 20 . . . to be given any consideration at all except as just another who has come over to the Colonies to reclaim his heritage as a horizontal Brit. **Odds: 40-1**

TONY TUBBS

THE HEAVYWEIGHT DIVISION'S LONGSHOT. He has performed admirably . . . but only against those who make up the cannon fodder of the heavyweight division: neverwases and has-beens, like Jimmy Young. What will happen when our young hero with the fleet feet and job-like jab steps up in class and in against someone who offers him a challenge? Can he handle it? And can he manage, with all the family hangers-on, to climb higher in the heavyweight sweepstakes than seems to be his present intent—so intent is he on almost putting his unbeaten record on ice now through inactivity. **Odds: 20-1**


THE HAT CALLED A WHILE BACK...
...SCRIBBLE SOMETHING ON OUR HEAVYWEIGHT SWEEPSTAKES POLL!!
OH, OH!
SURELY ON THE DAY HOLMES FADES FROM THE PICTURE, THERE WILL BE A REGULAR CAVALRY CHARGE TO SEE WHO'LL FILL HIS SHOES.
UGH, WHAT A SORRY SWEEPSTAKES FIELD!
COME TO THINK OF IT - THE GRAND, UNDEFEATED W.B.C. HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP HAS LOOKED A BIT SHAKY OF LATE!
W.B.C.
I'VE BEEN UNDEFEATED 'LOT LONGER THAN YOU, LARRY!
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MICHAEL DOKES 1.
W.B.A.
GREG PAGE 2.
MIKE WEAVER 3.
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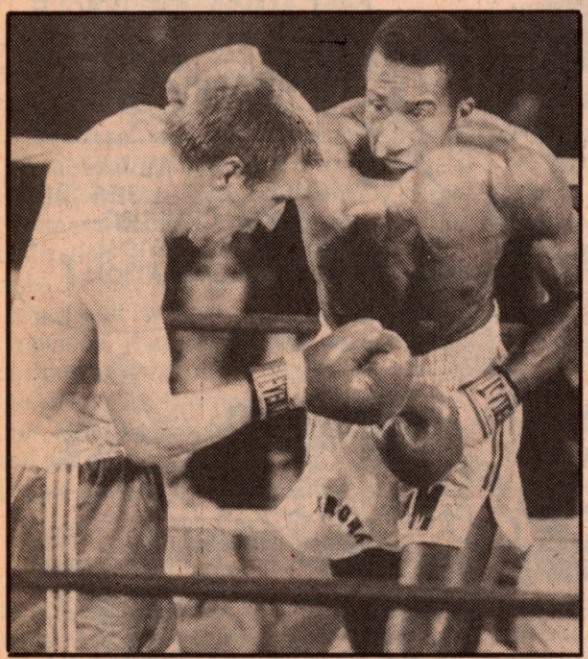
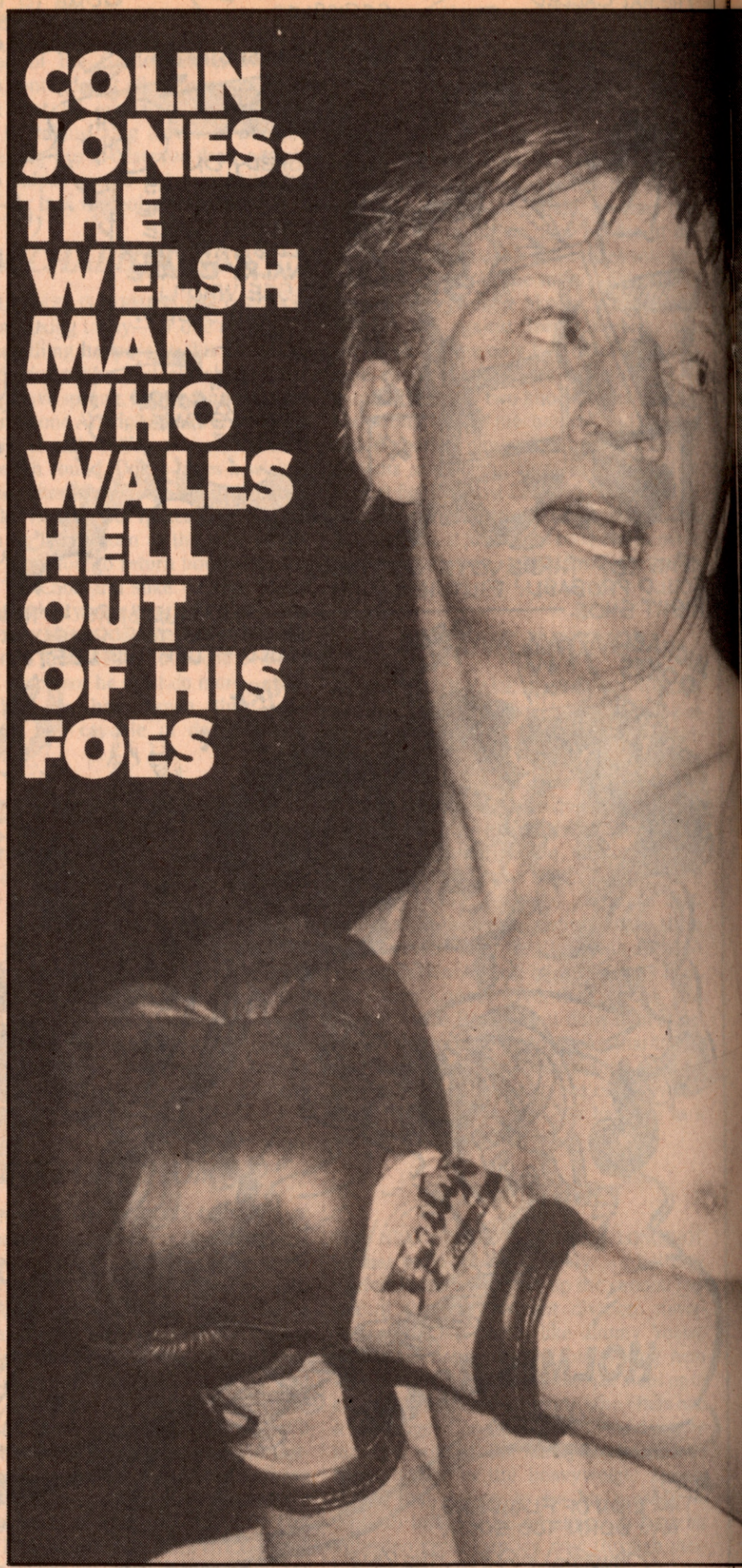
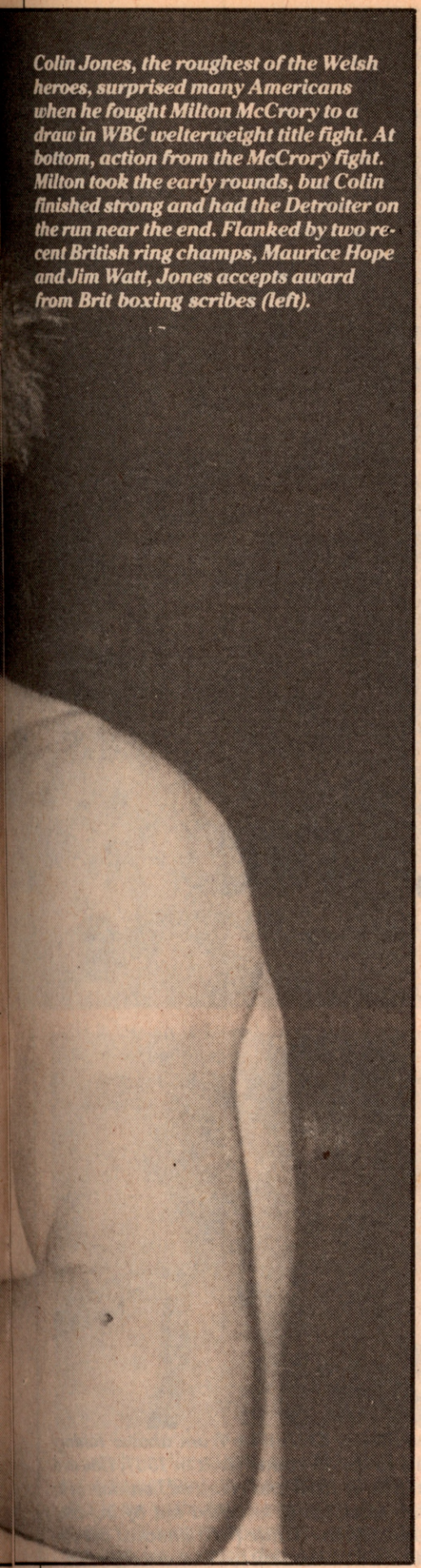


COLIN JONES: THE WELSH MAN WHO WALES HELL OUT OF HIS FOES





Colin Jones, the roughest of the Welsh heroes, surprised many Americans when he fought Milton McCrory to a draw in WBC welterweight title fight. At bottom, action from the McCrory fight. Milton took the early rounds, but Colin finished strong and had the Detroiter on the run near the end. Flanked by two recent British ring champs, Maurice Hope and Jim Watt, Jones accepts award from Brit boxing scribes (left).

"NOT ENOUGH, BOY" SAID EDDIE THOMAS AS he unlaced the gloves of Colin Jones, both fine Welsh names, who had chased, civvied and came close to clobbering Milton McCrory for twelve rounds in Reno—a desert and ocean from Jones's green grass of home. TV's creepy mike had picked up the singing Welsh accent, an accent which spoke volumes about the land of the Red Dragon flag, and its proud, stubborn and honest folk on the craggy western tip of Britain. But no mike could pick up Jones' reply because he was silent, hoping for the best, fearing the worst.

His apprehension was well-placed for the best the three judges—hailing from Mexico, Venezuela and Brazil (as far away from Nevada as those geniuses from the WBC could supply without giving a job to one of the boys in the Far East or, at least, Scandinavia—could come up with was a draw for the Sugar Ray Leonard's vacated welterweight crown.

Jones, torn between jubilation and abject disappointment, could only figure he had let McCrory off the hook in the last round—the difference between winning and sharing. The TV view bounced from satellites to little Welsh mining villages seemed, even to the biased, to have McCrory too far in front to be caught. But BBC commentator, Harry Carpenter, measuring the quality of Jones' punches against the quantity of McCrory had, it turned out, rightly called the fight close without expecting any favors for Jones from the three judges.

Thomas—an amiable, generous mine and haulage owner from Merthyr Tydfil (say it Mer-ther Tid-fill) in the heart of the Welsh valleys—had previously coached and managed Ken Buchanan and Howard Winstone to world titles. He'd settle for the now unused British currency of half-a-crown if only to match wits again with Emanuel Steward—manager of Jones' welterweight nemesis, Milton McCrory—a man who rivals Thomas's inherent love of the game.

Both established themselves in the amateur game. Thomas was the British ABA lightweight champion in 1946, and then became not only a pin-up on the Jack Solomons promotions, but also the British and European welterweight king, and *Ring*'s number-one rated contender to Ray Robinson's crown to boot. To establish his class, consider the fact that Thomas outpointed New York's Billy Graham in London. It was not a hometowner (it's a long left hook from Wales to Harringay Arena), Thomas deserved his reward. I know I was there. He and Graham must be considered the unluckiest pair never to win a world welterweight title: Thomas buckled his hands; Graham was robbed against Kid Gavilan.

Thomas, Welsh to the core, is big on history. Drive with him through the valleys and he'll stop to point out a particular spot "We fought them all just there...The Romans, Vikings, the Celts from Ireland. Fought them and beat them. That's where it all began." It was a short hop, skip and jab from the birthplace of flyweight wizard, Jimmy Wilde, whom Nat Fleischer rated the all-time great at this weight. There was Peerless Jem Driscoll; Tommy Farr, from Tonypandy, who had the temerity to 'do an Ali' by calling on mighty Joe Louis when they came out for the 15th round of Louis's first heavyweight title defense; Joe Erskine, out of Tiger Bay, Cardiff, who boxed rings around Willie Pastrono; and Howard Winstone, he of the missing finger tips, who was a featherweight champion.

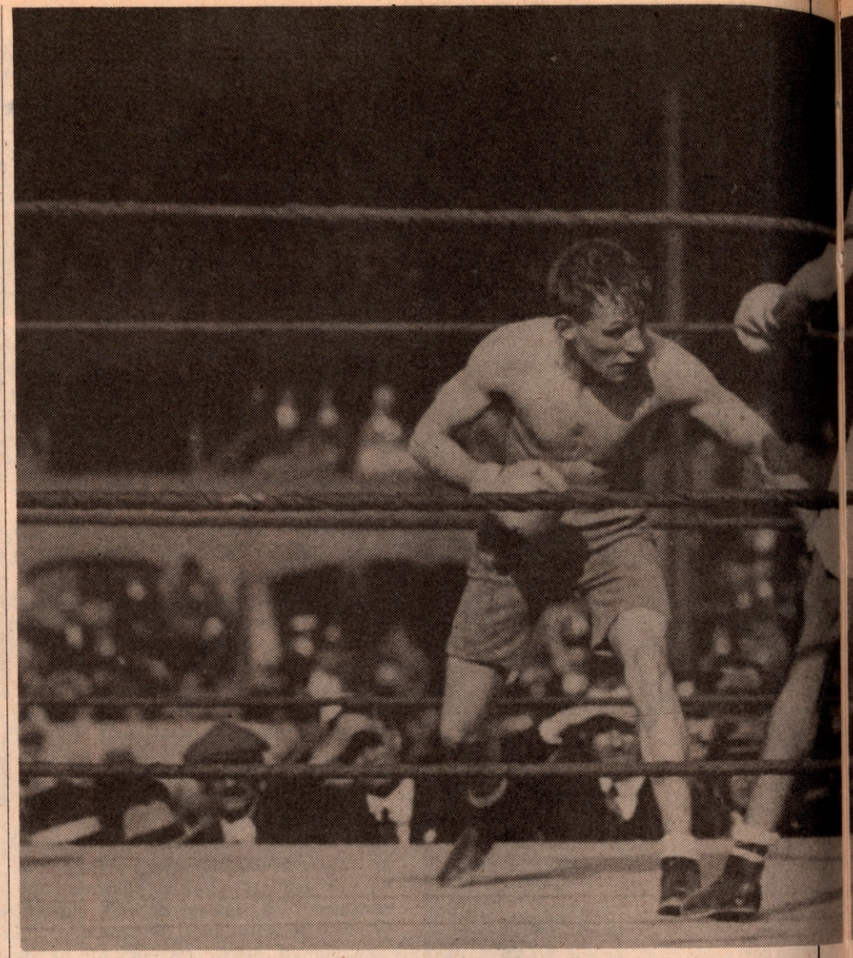
Now it was Jones, the roughest of the Welsh heroes, who became the hero of those who love a long-shot. Jones almost incredibly became the pitcher instead of the normal British backpeddler, fighting against the clock as well as McCrory, trying to whittle down both his opponent and his opponent's seemingly unassailable lead.

The rusty-colored crop-haired Jones—shorn shorter than a soldier's—rated no better than a 4-1 underdog, virtually written off. It irritates fight traders this side of the dividing pond that Americans tend to be insular and ill-informed when it comes to reckoning the merit of a fighter from foreign parts. Not guilty was *Boxing Illustrated*, who had rated Jones number six amongst the world's heaviest hitters, at any weight, before the event.

The misleading blot on Jones' 25-fight record was a loss by disqualification against Curtis Ramsey, back in 1981. To put the record straight: Ramsey was taking a shellacking and undoubtedly on his way out when struck on his way down by Jones.

This would be considered a minor misdemeanor in the States, worthy of a mere finger wagging—for a fighter to be ruled out in his homeland would require at least a shotgun job. Sometimes British referees have been known to insist on establishing their neutrality to the point of favoring the visitor. It could be obstinacy, or merely the wish to make a name. Whatever, Jones was disqualified by, believe it or not, a Welsh referee. Now, while I do not condone flagrant rule flouting, it still seemed that Ramsey, who was in full-flight to the canvas at the time of the foul was the beneficiary of a "Joey Curtis," a hasty ref.

Jones quickly re-established himself with timely hitting to take out so-so Americans Milton Seward and Gary Giron—both rescued in the third round with no call for an argument. He had shown how patience and sound hooking could induce discomfort by twice clobbering Kirkland Laing in

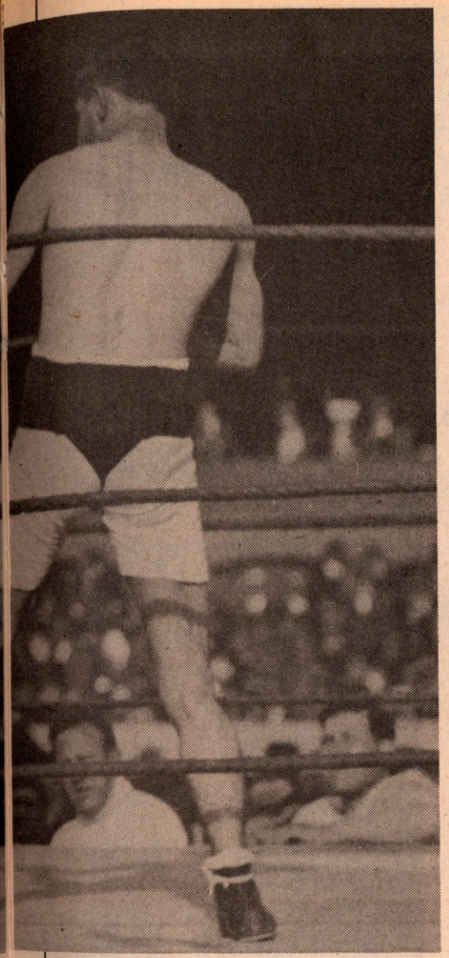


British title fights—each time in the ninth. Twice he trailed before connecting with the punch that, if you'll pardon the cliche, cancelled arrears.

These well-applied wins barely made a ripple in U.S. fight circles. But post-dated notice was given to his victories when the same Laing was served up as the intended patsy for a Roberto Duran showing. Yet another case of foolishly ignoring the 'unknown' from across the water. Laing outsmarted Duran—a result that subsequently made him captain of the who-needs-him club.

Jones defeated Laing during a period of worrying hand sprains, the perennial curse of the puncher. He tended to loaf, biding his time to the point of danger, making sure he could catch up with an opponent. Jones also tended to keep his punch in a scabbard of indecision, increased by the fear of re-hurting the right hand early in a fight. He worked on the left hook. And it worked.

Tradition of game Welsh fighters predates Jones. Clockwise from above: Tommy Farr took his lumps, but extended Joe Louis to the 15-round limit in 1937; Howard Winstone retained European featherweight title in 1963 and received Lonsdale belt; British heavyweight champion Joe Erskine after being knocked out by Ingemar Johansson in '58; World flyweight champion Jimmy Wilde (left) knocked out Joe Conn in 1918 London bout; Jem Driscoll, the 1910's claimant to featherweight title



But it was an enforced, painful rest that finally gave both hands time to heal. That R&R came in Copenhagen, 24 hours before Jones was scheduled to go after his third title, the European, to add to his collection—having won the British against Laing and the Commonwealth against Mark Harris. His opponent this time out was to have been Hans Henrik Palm, a nice-looking Dane who spoke fluent English, stood six feet and had the gall to have won an amateur bout in Wales. Palm was favored, because, or so the reasoning went, he'd lost only two of 40 fights.

Just before the weigh-in Jones complained of stomach pains and though attempts were made to downplay it, a Danish doctor diagnosed it as a rumbling appendix. "A punch to the stomach could kill" he said—or something to the effect. We travelled home with Jones, shattered by the prospect of losing the money more than the fight, and we wondered if he was fit to return safely to Wales.

Within hours Jones was in surgery, with an attack of appendicitis. Out of action for ten months, he made his comeback against Sakaria Ve, of Fiji, who sounded more like a cocktail than a fighter. He was thoroughly shaken by Jones, hands perfect again, and counted out in two rounds.

Palm, who had picked up the vacant Euro crown during Jones inactivity, was firmly put in his place with a peach of a left hook. He, too, went out in two. "The kind of left-hook" wrote Hugh McIlvanney "that leaves a man without a sense of indentity, let alone nationality."

The tip-off that Jones had the wits to match his punch came in 1976 when Britain defeated USA 6-5 in London and Jones, just 18, stopped Rocky Fratto in the third, on the same amateur card Tommy Hearns won a split decision over George Gilbody.

Jones won two successive national ABA (Boxing, not Bowling) titles and though pushed beyond his pasture at 18 fought for Britain at the Montreal Olympics. He had the distinction of eliminating Ireland's Christy McLoughlin before being outsmarted by Rumania's old head, Victor Zilberman.

Jones came out of Canada unharmed and worldly, though his record of 76 stoppages in 99 amateur wins was commendable considering he had been virtually hiding in the hills of his hometown, Gorseinon.

He was a welterweight at 14, with the dream of developing into a rugby star. His weight has not changed. Rugby, the national sport of Wales after singing and romance, was out. Boxing became the best way from the breadline to the bank line and Colin followed his two brothers' lead into the pro ranks.

Raised in a proud working-class family, Colin had suffered the indignities of unemployment. For a spell he became a grave-digger. When he joined Thomas he received a cold shoulder from the Duff-Barrett-Levene cartel which staged big shows in London, a rebuff dating back to Thomas disagreements with the big brass when he managed Winstone and was accused of disloyalty.

As a freelancer, Jones slogged his way from nearby Aberavon to a hotel alongside London Airport. Finally, the persuasive ways of veteran Sam Burns, who had managed Thomas, restored harmony and gave Jones the green light to enter the limelight of Wembley and Royal Albert Hall.

It was the pressure of the Duff-Barrett purse bid that forced Don King to part with the pounds equivalent of 270,000 to "Win" the WBC title fight for America—a gold strike for Jones. A formality, they said, for buying McCrory the title. All he had to do was appear.

While dollars dripped from every facet of the fight, the humble Welsh were gathering at Pengry Working Men's club, where Jones sips his pint and shoots snooker—the snob's version of pool. A homely cloth-capped lot they are down in Wales, and Jones the Punch (to distinguish him from Jones the Coal, the Milk, etc.) is their favorite, although he's the type who likes to become the unrecognized face in the crowd. A private person, somewhat suspicious of strangers, happier running across the Brecon Beacons, than mingling with a crowd in a Nevada Casino.

They huddled around the TV set. Mum, Nora, sisters Pat and Cheryl, Auntie Joyce, his mother-in-law, Mavis, and many more. His 22-year old wife, Debra—nee, Evans, another grand ould Welsh name—married for four years, sat upstairs with 11-month-old Simon. When she heard the cheers Debra rushed down. "I knew it wasn't bad news; the last thing I thought of was a draw."

At the other end, Jones, on the eve of his 24th birthday, was thinking of his baby son ("He's learned to walk while I've been away") and pondering a last-round that could have cost him a verdict. "I should have worked a bit harder. It was in me to do more. He was hitting me with rubbish punches just to look good. I was catching him with good punches, but not enough of them." The draw was the first title draw, at the weight, since another Briton, Ted Kid Lewis, split with Jack Britton 57 years before.

While the Jones family watched a replay, baby Simon looked shocked. "It's alright" said Debra, "Daddy's only playing." Next time Jones (Boxing) promises to get down to serious business and make sure it is "enough," to quote manger Thomas.

THE WBA'S PLOT TO BLACKMAIL ALEXIS ARGUELLO

FOR YEARS RUMOR HAS HAD IT THAT THE WBA HAD NOT ONLY taken money under the table, they'd taken it around the table, over the table—and in some instances they'd reportedly even taken the table. Their reputation is so bad some writers have taken their anagram, the WBA, to read "World Bribe Association."

But all that was rumor and innuendo until Bob Arum came out of the closet in the May issue of RING and actually pointed the finger at the WBA for improprieties above and beyond the call of dirty.

Now, three-time champion Alexis Arguello and Paul Ruiz, Alfredo Escalera's manager, take up the growing campaign to throw the rascals out in this exclusive RING story. And the end of their improprieties is still not in sight, even if the end of the WBA is.

BY TOM ARCHDEACON

NO MORE OF THAT "NICE GUY" STUFF FOR Alexis Arguello—the three-time champion—not where the WBA is concerned, that is. Arguello says the WBA will not give him a Top Ten ranking in the WBA's junior welterweight division nor sanction a rematch late this summer with junior welterweight champion Aaron Pryor UNLESS he agrees to certain deals involving money and promotional rights, deals he considers improper.

"The WBA refuses to rank me in its Top Ten junior welterweights so I went straight to the association's headquarters in Venezuela to find out why," Arguello said after a workout in Miami's Tropical Park gym one day late in May. "I was told (by a WBA official) that to get ranked I had to fight a Top Ten contender.

"But the manager of the Top Ten junior welterweights guy they told me I would have to fight wanted to make 'a deal' first. Before I could fight his fighter—who, he said, would lose to me—I had to agree that he (the manager) would get a cut of the promotional rights to my fight with Aaron Pryor. Dan Duva is promoting the fight, but this guy wanted to cut into that and get a percentage of the profits.

"Then one of the officials in the WBA told me before my bout with Pryor would be sanctioned, I had to see that they got 20 percent of the profits from the Latin American TV rights. That means 20 percent of $150,000.

"I told them to go to hell. We'll go on with the fight without their sanction because the public will demand the rematch."

Arguello refused to name the people he said he dealt with while in Venezuela.

Dr. Alberto Aleman Jr., a Panamanian who serves as the International Coordinator of the WBA, said he read Arguello's allegations in the Miami NEWS and immediately called WBA president Gilberto Mendoza.

"Mr. Mendoza was very disgusted," said Aleman. "We will not tolerate such allegations unless Arguello can prove what he says."

Arguello's manager, Dr. Eduardo Roman, reacted strongly to the WBA's statement:

"This is a type of blackmail," Roman said. "The WBA is trying to push and press Alexis so that he will deny what he said. But he

stands by what he said. The reason he hasn't included names with his accusations is purely for legal reasons.

"But I'll tell you some legal problems might arrive for the WBA if he fights some ranked person and they don't recognize him for it. We'll sue them and then they might not be able to put on ANY fights in the United States."

The crux of the controversy involves Arguello's absence from the WBA's junior welterweight rankings. Arguello must be ranked to have his return bout with Pryor sanctioned by the WBA.

To refresh your memory: Pryor knocked Arguello out in the 14th round of their first meeting, held in Miami's Orange Bowl last November. Arguello was then the World Boxing Council's lightweight champ, but it was Pryor's title that was on the line in that fight. The WBA sanctioned that bout.

Although Arguello, who has a 77-5 record—and has been the featherweight, junior lightweight and lightweight champ—is not rated among the WBA's junior welterweights, RING Magazine and nearly everyone else with a ratings list ranks him among the top three junior welterweights in the world.

"For the record, the WBA will say I don't have the background, that I don't have enough junior welterweight bouts to be considered good enough at the division," said Arguello. "But what are they talking about? The WBA's number-one junior welterweight contender (South Korean Sang-Hyun Kim) couldn't last three rounds with Pryor last month before getting knocked out. I held my own with Pryor up until the 12th.

"I asked the WBA people how they could justify who they were ranking and who they were not," Arguello said. "They just give you the runaround for an answer. They forget that boxing depends on the people and if injustices keep coming up so blatantly, people are going to shy away from the sport. The people will get disgusted, lose interest and disappear. The way things are going now, boxing's future is in danger."

Roman said he does not understand how the WBA can ignore his fighter.

"I wish the WBA would tell you what article among their regulations allows them to rank the boxers they do," Roman said. "Eight of the 10 men they have ranked have never fought anyone else in the rankings. What it gets down to is that they rank people who will fight for a preferred promoter . . . and they know why they do that.

"This is not the first time they have pressured us. When Alexis was the WBA's featherweight champ they forced him to make his first title defense in Venezuela (against Leonel Hernandez in Caracas) for an amount of money THEY established.

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The crux of the controversy involves Arguello's absence from the WBA's junior welterweight rankings. Arguello must be ranked to have his return bout with Pryor sanctioned by the WBA.

To refresh your memory: Pryor knocked Arguello out in the 14th round of their first meeting, held in Miami's Orange Bowl last November. Arguello was then the World Boxing Council's lightweight champ, but it was Pryor's title that was on the line in that fight. The WBA sanctioned that bout.

Although Arguello, who has a 77-5 record—and has been the featherweight, junior lightweight and lightweight champ—is not rated among the WBA's junior welterweights, RING Magazine and nearly everyone else with a ratings list ranks him among the top three junior welterweights in the world.

"For the record, the WBA will say I don't have the background, that I don't have enough junior welterweight bouts to be considered good enough at the division," said Arguello. "But what are they talking about? The WBA's number-one junior welterweight contender (South Korean Sang-Hyun Kim) couldn't last three rounds with Pryor last month before getting knocked out. I held my own with Pryor up until the 12th.

"I asked the WBA people how they could justify who they were ranking and who they were not," Arguello said. "They just give you the runaround for an answer. They forget that boxing depends on the people and if injustices keep coming up so blatantly, people are going to shy away from the sport. The people will get disgusted, lose interest and disappear. The way things are going now, boxing's future is in danger."

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NEW FACES

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THE TIME WAS AUGUST, 1982. THE PLACE WAS a softball field in New York City's Central Park. The event: The first annual Fighters vs. Writers softball game. The fighters won, 10-9.

Some of the heros for the Fighters were welterweight Mike De La Rue, who did a magnificant job at third base, including making a tumbling, game-ending, game-saving catch; team player/coach/matchmaker Ron Katz, who hit the game winning homerun; featherweight pitcher Andres Tena; outfielders Davey Moore, Mike McCallum and Bobby Joe Young, and heavyweight first baseman Larry Alexander. But if there was any fighter who deserved the game's MVP award, it was undefeated lightweight from Easton, Pa., Bobby Johnson, who made two sparkling catches in centerfield, threw out a runner at the plate, went 5-for-5, including four doubles, four runs scored, and five runs batted in.

On the playing field or in the ring, Bobby Johnson is a gifted athlete.

"I chose boxing as a profession because I'm too big to be a jockey and too small to play pro football or basketball," the Easton, Pa., native says with a smile.

In his MVP performance against The Writers, Johnson not only swung a hot bat and played an outstanding defensive game in centerfield, but ran the bases well, twice stretching singles into doubles.

"I was always a good athlete," claims Johnson. "In high school, I played just about every sport I could. But my two favorites were baseball and track. In track, Johnson still holds his school's record in the 220. He also was a member of the school's record-setting 880 relay team. In addition, he has been clocked in the 100-yard dash at 9.9. In the ring, he's every bit as fast.

"I'm a scientific fighter," says Johnson. "I don't go out looking to stop every opponent I fight. Besides, brawlers don't have long careers. I want my career to last."

Some of Johnson's critics say his style isn't rugged or exciting enough. Johnson is not bothered by their opinions.

"I'd much rather fight with my head than with my face," Johnson says. "Look at guys such as Howard Davis and Hector Camacho. They're thinking fighters. So is Larry Holmes. So is Michael Dokes. So was Sugar Ray Leonard."

Leonard's retirement in November 1982 saddened Johnson, who used to "watch and study him like a hawk." Says Johnson, "Leonard was incredible. A young fighter can't help but learn from watching Leonard."

Johnson was born and raised in Easton, Pa., a town heavyweight king Larry Holmes also call home. As Holmes used to do, Johnson works out in the St. Anthony's Youth Center in Easton every day.

"He loves to train," said his manager, Bruce Posner. "You can look all you want, but you won't find a more diligent, determined, or harder-working fighter than Bobby. He's a real pleasure to be associated with."

Trainer Ernie Butler agrees.

"Bobby's a trainer's dream," said Butler, who once managed and trained Holmes. "He tries everything in the ring and is always in the gym when we ask him to be. You'll never see Johnson out of shape. He just loves to train. In fact, there are times I've got to slow him down because he's working too hard."

As an amateur, where he won 30 of 32 fights, Johnson fought mainly between 126-132 pounds. In many of those fights, lack of quality opposition forced Johnson to fight junior welters and even a few welterweights."

Today, Johnson's best fighting weight is 135 pounds. Of all the top lightweights around, he is most impressed with Hector "Macho" Camacho.

"He's a helluva fighter," said Johnson. "He might be faster than Howard Davis, if that's possible."

One of Johnson's short-range goals is to appear on ABC-TV's "Superstars" competition. He believes he can not only do better than any boxer who ever appeared in the "Superstars," but win the competition, as well.

"I've been embarrassed by the boxers who have appeared in the 'Superstars,' says Johnson. "They can't do anything. The only two boxers I remember scoring any points at all were Sugar Ray Leonard and Howard Davis, who won some running events the year after they won their gold medals in Montreal. Other than that, nothing. But I can hit a baseball. I can swim. I can bowl. That obstacle course they have is a joke. And that wall the athletes have to scale is also a joke. Yet, I've seen many fighter's run to the wall, then take six years to get over it. I know I can compete with anybody in that competition. But you've got to be a big name in your sport in order to be invited to compete. But first things first. I'm after the world's lightweight title, and I'm going to get it!"

Bobby Johnson is close to his goal. A few more victories and he just might be a superstar.

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Amateur Record: 30-2

1979

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Nov. 21	Jose Morales	Allentown, Pa.	W 4

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Jan. 30	Kevin Renshaw	Allentown, Pa.	W 4
Sept. 10	Mike Brown	Scranton, Pa	W 4

1981

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May 15	James Downing	Allentown, Pa	KO 5
Sept. 12	Johnny Barreto	Staten Island, N.Y.	W 6
Oct. 2	Stan Thomas	Poughkeepsie	KO 1
Dec. 8	Michael Frazier	Atlantic City	KO 3

1982

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 21	Mauri Saalakhan	Atlantic City	W 8
Mar. 19	Cookie James	Atlantic City	W 8
Apr. 26	Kenny Carpenter	Atlantic City	W 8
May 17	Radames Ventura	Atlantic City	KO 3
June 21	Jimmy Washington	Atlantic City	KO 3
July 26	Thomas Baker	Atlantic City	W 8
Aug. 23	Ernest Bing	Atlantic City	KO 7
Nov. 3	Jorge Nina	Easton, Pa.	W 10

1983

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 13	Carlos Amaya	Atlantic City	W 10
Mar. 27	Fred Pendleton	Scranton, Pa.	W 8
Apr. 18	Kenny Willis	Kingston, N.Y.	W 8

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
18	18	0	0	6

RINGSIDE REPORTS

FIGHT OF THE MONTH

BY JACK NEWFIELD

WHEN ROBERTO DURAN WAS 10 YEARS OLD, he lived on the streets of Panama City as a savage urchin. He used to steal mangos to survive. He would take them and swim across a river to eat them. They weighed him down and sometimes he felt like he was going to drown. But the 10-year-old's will and hunger always got him to the far shore.

As the greatest fighter of the 1970s, Duran fought like that wild 10-year-old, refusing to drown. After Duran defeated Sugar Ray Leonard in Montreal, a boxing writer asked Joe Frazier whether Duran's disciplined aggression reminded him of anyone. Frazier replied: "Yes. Charles Manson."

But then Duran quit in the eighth round of his rematch with Leonard in the infamous "no mas" ending. It was the last thing anyone expected an athlete with Duran's pride and will to do. This act of macho suicide has never been explained by Duran or his friends.

But it sent Duran into disgrace. It violated the code of boxing: a champion does not quit. Duran's countrymen in Panama, who bet heavily on him, lost respect for their idol. Duran grew fat, indolent, and cynical. He lost to Wilfred Benitez, and to the unknown Kirkland Laing. His manager and trainers told him to retire, and walked away from him. Don King told him he wouldn't promote any more of his fights. Duran hit rock bottom.

Then, Roberto Duran, on his 32nd birthday, fought Davey Moore at Madison Square Garden. It was *The Red Badge of Courage* converted into a salsa musical. It was Roberto Duran's redemption on his birthday. It was a night of passion, nationalism, genius, and sadism. It was the best of boxing. It was the worst of boxing.

The hero of *The Red Badge Of Courage* disgraced himself in his first battle. He showed cowardice, and he felt shame, guilt, and humiliation. He needed a second chance to redeem his self-esteem. On June 16th, Roberto Duran won back his self-esteem—and his third world championship. He knocked out Davey Moore in the eighth round—the same round in which he had mumbled "no mas" and turned his back on a stunned Ray Leonard.

When the fight with Moore was announced, Duran was made a four-to-one underdog in Las Vegas. Moore was eight years younger, an undefeated although inexperienced champion, described by sportswriters as the harder hitter.

For the first time in years, Duran trained with the desire of the 10-year-old stealing mangos. Slowly the spring came back into his legs. The speed returned to his hands. The animal rage reappeared in his astonishing eyes. The goals of dignity and honor made him sacrifice pleasure and control his appetites. By the day of the fight the odds had dropped to five to two still favoring Moore.

Madison Square Garden was overflowing with more than 20,000 people that Thursday night—about 90 per cent of them Latin. Five thousand more milled around on Eighth Avenue. It was the biggest fight crowd at the Garden since the Ali-Frazier epic of March 8, 1971.

Two years ago, before a fight with Nino Gonzales, the primitive Duran spoke some racist slurs against Puerto Ricans, and there was a moment of intra-Hispanic tension. But last Thursday, Duran was the underdog warrior of all the Latins—Puerto Rican, Mexican, Panamanian, Dominican. Most of the prefight advertising had been aimed at the Spanish-language media, and the strategy had worked. The Garden felt like Central America. The rhythmic chant of "Do-ran, Do-ran," shook the building. Panamanian flags and home-made banners danced in the air. It was the most colorful setting I had ever seen at a boxing match.

The fight itself was an act of perfection by Duran. They should show the tape of this fight on television in slow motion with Bob Dylan singing, "When I Paint My Masterpiece," and "Forever Young."

Moore was taller than Duran, but Duran crouched under his jab, and came up with

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FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

FEW NICKNAMES EVER MEANT AS MUCH AS THE ONE Hung on Roberto Duran—"Mano de Piedra", or "Hands of Stone." From the time he turned professional in 1967 until the day in June, 1980, when he became the first—and only—man to beat Sugar Ray Leonard, Duran's nickname truly meant something. In between that time, all he did was win the lightweight championship, successfully defend it 12 times, fight 43 times and win 42. The only man to beat him—Esteban DeJesus—was soundly thrashed in two returned meetings. Roberto Duran. His name was equivalent with greatness. Then, on November 25, 1980, against Sugar Ray Leonard in a rematch, Duran uttered two small Spanish words that crumbled his world. "No Mas!" Not only was his night against Leonard over, not only was his welterweight title lost, but his career was apparently at a terrible, shameful end.

A comeback began for Duran, now being called "Stomach of Jello," in August, 1981. In a victory against Nino Gonzalez and in another one against Luigi Minchillo the following month, Duran looked nothing more than adequate.

In January, 1982, Duran fought three times. He lost to Wilfred Benitez. He lost to Kirkland Laing, a loss which caused promoter Don King to tell Duran, "Goodbye." Then, fighting for promoter Bob Arum, Duran outpointed Jimmy Batten, but looked finished, even in victory. Then, amazingly, the hunger returned. The "Eye of the Tiger" was back.

Former welterweight boss Pipino Cuevas was more than TKO'd by Duran. He was savaged by him. A match was then set up by Mr. Arum between Duran and Young, unbeaten WBA junior middleweight king Davey Moore.

On June 16, 1982, his 32nd birthday, Duran made believers out of the vast army of skeptics who said he was too old, too slow, not strong enough, not fast enough, etc., etc., etc., to cope with Moore. In front of 20,061 fans, Duran became a champion again, showing the world he is indeed "Mano de Piedra" and making them forget, once and for all, the night of "No Mas." Happy birthday, Roberto!

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Roberto Duran KO 8 Davey Moore
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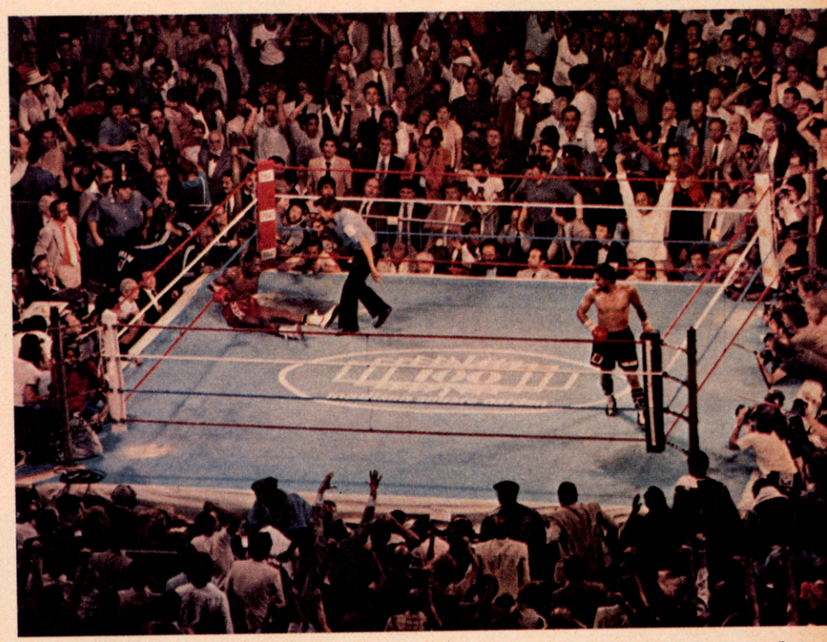

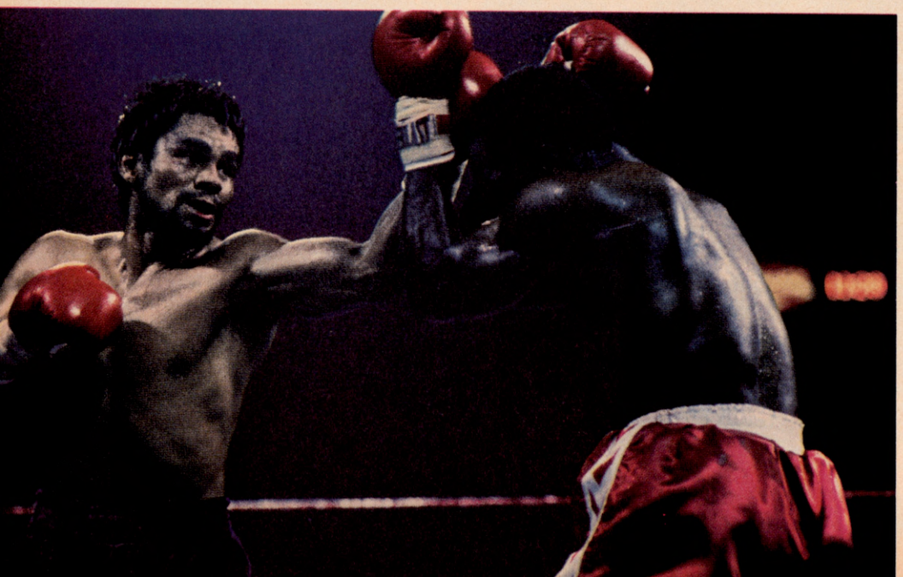

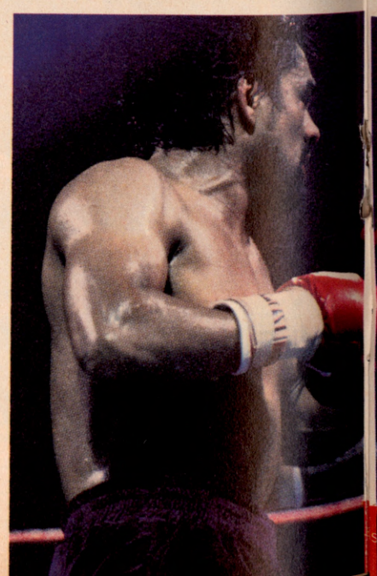

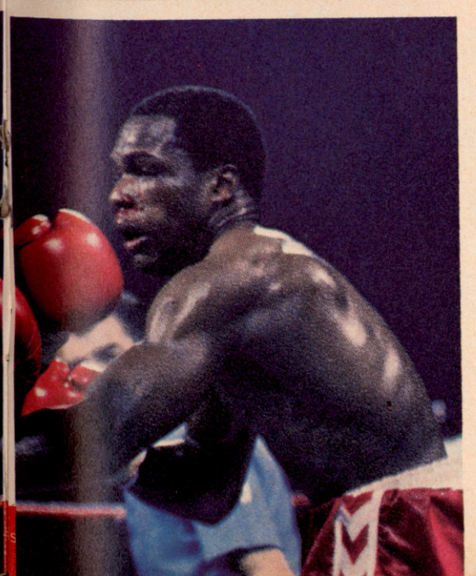

Roberto Duran turned back the clock to the days when he was the most feared fighter in the world and wiped out the sniggers that had followed him since his ignominious loss to Sugar Ray Leonard in New Orleans two and a half years ago. 152½ pounds of uncontainable ferocity, "Manos de Piedra" destroyed WBA junior middleweight champion, Davey Moore and captured the title at 2:02 of the 8th round. Duran rips a right to the body, and Moore doubles over from the blow.

Roberto's straight left jars Davey. Duran's left uppercut lands, and Moore's face tells the story. Moore is on the floor from Duran's straight right in round 7 and the sellout crowd of 20,061 in Madison Square Garden rises to its feet. Celebrating, with his arms upraised on the far side of the ring is *RING* contributor and former light heavyweight champion, Jose Torres, who will have to refrain from cheering at fights when he receives his expected appointment as chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission. Preceding page: Marvelous Marvin Hagler, in a right hander's stance, lands a left hook on Wilford Scypion, en route to scoring a 4th-round knockout in defense of his middleweight title in Providence, R.I.

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(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL SPINKS ..... St. Louis, Mo.
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MARVIN HAGLER ..... Brockton, Mass.
1 Mustafa Hamsho ..... Syria
2 Wilfred Benitez ..... Puerto Rico
3 Tony Sibson ..... England
4 Frank Fletcher ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5 Wilford Scypion ..... Port Arthur, Texas
6 James Shuler ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7 Dwight Davison ..... Detroit, Mich.
8 Curtis Parker ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
9 James Green ..... Irvington, N.J.
10 James Kinchen ..... San Diego, Cal.

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JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
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WORLD CHAMPION

THOMAS HEARNS** ..... Detroit, Mich.
1 Wilfred Benitez ..... Puerto Rico
2 Roberto Duran* ..... Panama
3 Mike McCallum ..... New York, N.Y.
4 Davey Moore ..... New York, N.Y.
5 Carlos Herrera ..... Argentina
6 James Green ..... Irvington, N.J.
7 Fred Hutchings ..... Stockton, Calif.
8 John Mugabi ..... Uganda
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10. Herol Graham ..... England

11. Carlos Santos, 12. Kirkland Laing, 13. Buster Drayton, 14. Clint Jackson, 15. Francisco DeJesus, 16. Sean Mannion, 17. Tadashi Mihara, 18. Bushy Bester

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TITLE VACANT

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4 Roger Stafford ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
5 Nino LaRocca ..... Italy
6 Colin Jones ..... Wales
7 Elio Diaz ..... Venezuela
8 Kevin Howard ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
9 Mauricio Bravo ..... Venezuela
10 Pete Ranzany ..... Sacramento, Calif.

11. Luis Resto, 12. Milton Guest, 13. Bobby Joe Young, 14. Harold Volbrecht, 15. Jun-Sok Hwang, 16. Alfredo Lucero, 17. Carlos Truiillo. 18. Hans Henrik Palm

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1 Alexis Arguello ..... Nicaragua
2 Johnny Bumphus ..... Clementon, N.J.
3 Bruce Curry** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
4 Leroy Haley ..... Las Vegas, Nevada
5 Saoul Mamby ..... New York, N.Y.
6 Steve Hearon ..... Houston, Texas
7 Ubaldo Sacco ..... Argentina
8 Billy Costello ..... Kingston, N.Y.
9 Ronnie Shields ..... Pt. Arthur, Texas
10 Patrizio Oliva ..... Italy

11. Hidekazu Akai, 12. Felix Reyes, 13. Clint McKenzie, 14. Hugo Hernandez, 15. Mario Cusson, 16. (Tie) Willie Rodriguez, Guillermo Fernandez, 18. Tommy Ayers, 19. Reyes Cruz, 20. Alfredo Escalera, 21. Antonio Cervantes

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Ratings as of June 25, 1983

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WORLD CHAMPION
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1 Ray Mancini* ..... Youngstown, Ohio
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3 Howard Davis, Jr. ..... Glen Cove, N.Y.
4 Roberto Elizondo ..... Corpus Christi, Texas
5 Livingstone Bramble ..... Passaic, N.J.
6 Jose Luis Ramirez ..... Mexico
7 Jimmy Paul ..... Detroit, Mich.
8 Robin Blake ..... Levelland, Texas
9 Ken Bogner ..... Trenton, N.J.
10 Orlando Romero ..... Peru

11. Melvin Paul, 12. Greg Coverson, 13. Andy Ganigan, 14. Tony Baltazar, 15. Tyrone Crawley, 16. Alvin Hayes, 17. John Montes, 18. Nick Furlano, 19. Sergio Medina

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ROGER MAYWEATHER* ..... Las Vegas, Nev.
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2 Hector Camacho ..... New York, N.Y.
3 Cornelius Boza-Edwards ..... England
4 Samuel Serrano ..... Puerto Rico
5 Rafael (Bazooka) Limon ..... Mexico
6 Jorge Alvarado ..... Panama
7 Rolando Navarrete ..... Panama
8 Rafael Solis ..... Puerto Rico
9 Chung Il-Choi ..... Korea
10 Ruben Munoz ..... Dallas, Texas

11. Il-Bok Lee, 12. Tae-Jin Moon, 13. Oscar Arnal, 14. Carlos Pinango, 15. Edgar Castro, 16. Benedicto Villablanca, 17. Yoshimitsu Azato, 18. Roberto Castanon

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

EUSEBIO PEDROZA* ..... Panama
1 Juan LaPorte** ..... New York, N.Y.
2 Wilfredo Gomez ..... Puerto Rico
3 Rocky Lockridge ..... Paterson, N.J.
4 Jose Caba ..... Dominican Republic
5 Azumah Nelson ..... Ghana
6 Ruben Castillo ..... Bakersfield, Calif.
7 Johnny De La Rosa ..... Miami, Fla.
8 Marcos Villasana ..... Mexico
9 Jackie Beard ..... Detroit, Mich.
10 Bernard Taylor ..... Knoxville, Tenn.

11. Hwan Kil Yuh, 12. Richard Savage, 13. Irving Mitchell, 14. Reyes Gonzales, 15. Augustin Martinez, 16. Oscar Bejines, 17. Angel Mayor, 18. Loris Stecca, 19. Steve Cruz, 20. Rocky Garcia, 21. Barry McGuigan

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JAIME GARZA** ..... Los Angeles, California
1 Leo Cruz* ..... Dominican Republic
2 Mike Ayala ..... New York, N.Y.
3 Felipe Orozco ..... Colombia
4 Lupe Pintor ..... Mexico
5 Soon-Hyun Chung ..... Korea
6 Bernardo Checa ..... Panama
7 Bobby Berna ..... Philippines
8 Sergio Palma ..... Argentina
9 Felix Rodriguez ..... Panama
10 Seung Hoon Lee ..... Korea

11. Victor Callejas, 12. Carmelo Negron, 13. Oscar Muniz, 14. Jairo Anton, 15. Antonio de la Paz, 16. Pongpan Sorphayathai, 17. Juan Antonio Lopez, 18. Lenny Valdez, 19. Julian Solis

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JEFF CHANDLER* ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
1 Lupe Pintor** ..... Mexico
2 Albert Davila ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
3 Oscar Muniz ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4 Jiro Watanabe ..... Japan
5 Rafael Orono ..... Venezuela
6 Edgar Roman ..... Caracas, Venezuela
7 Gaby Canizales ..... Laredo, Texas
8 Chul-Ho Kim ..... Korea
9 Harold Petty ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
10 Freddie Jackson ..... Houston, Texas

11. Enrique Sanchez, 12. Kiko Bejines, 13. Richard Sandoval, 14. Seung-Hoon Lee, 15. James Pipps, 16 Eijiro Murata, 17. Daniel Zaragoza, 18. Jorge Ramirez, 19. Neptali Alamag, 20. (Tie) Raul Valdez, Hilario Zapata

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CHARLIE MAGRI** ..... England
1 Santos Laciar* ..... Argentina
2 Jung-Koo Chang ..... Korea
3 Freddie Castillo ..... Mexico
4 Eleoncio Mercedes ..... Dominican Republic
5 Katsuo Tokashiki ..... Japan
6 Hilario Zapata ..... Panama
7 Prudencio Cardona ..... Colombia
8 Gabriel Bernal ..... Mexico
9 German Torres ..... Mexico
10 Frank Cedeno ..... Philippines

11. Juan Diaz, 12. Hi-Sup Shin, 13. Juan Herrera, 14. Reinaldo Becerra, 15. Tadashi Tomori, 16. Amado Ursua, 17. (Tie) Lupe Madera, Hwan Jin-Kim, 19. Gustavo Ballas, 20. Candido Tellez, 21. Adrian Roman, 22. Keith Wallace

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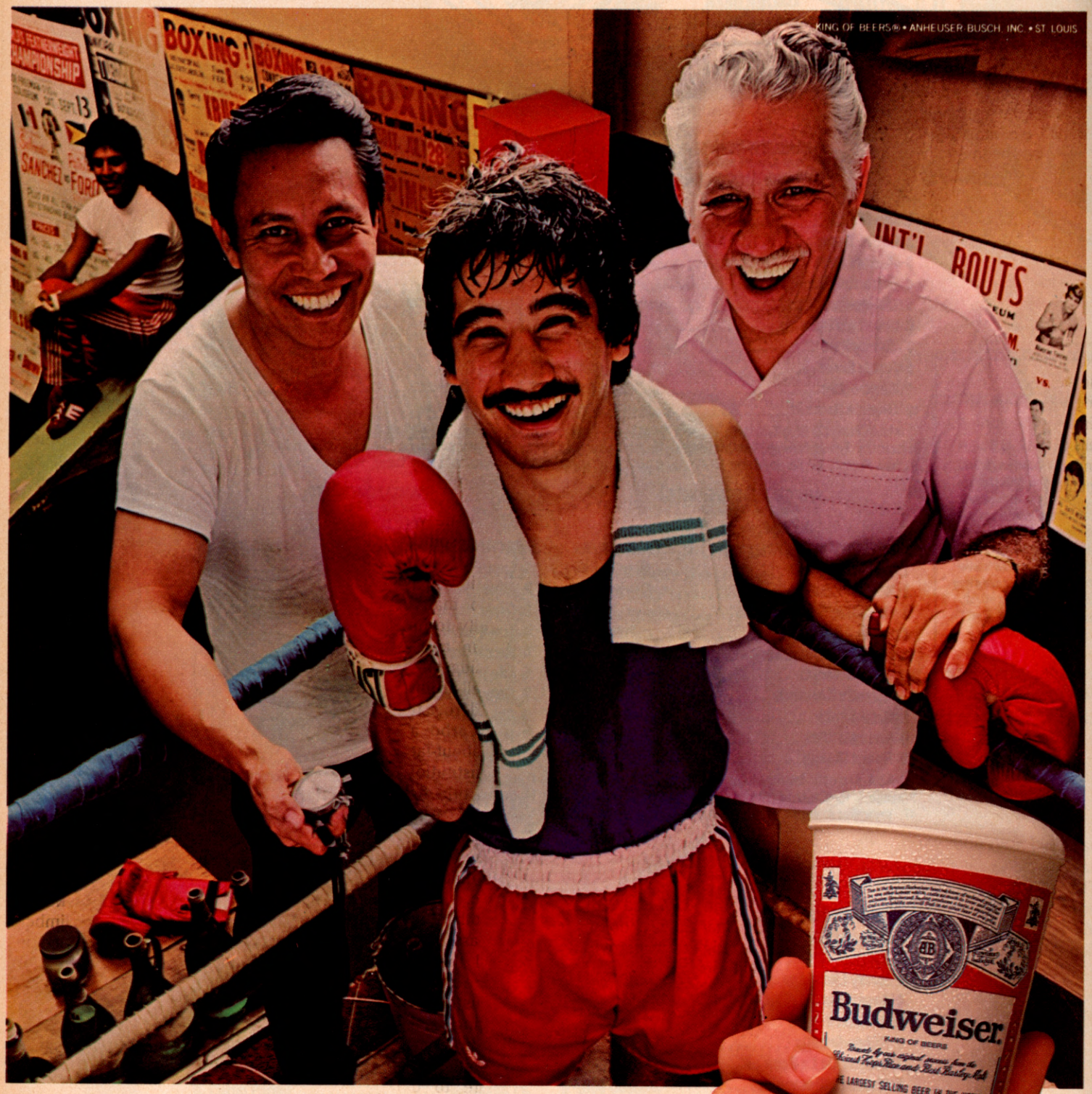

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crushing hooks to the heart, liver, and spleen. Duran slipped punches like he was 25. He bobbed, and took small steps to the side, and staggered Moore with accurate, radar-directed combinations. Duran threw body-head-body combinations that lifted Moore's leg. Duran turned his head the instant before punches arrived. Duran circled toward Moore's closed right eye and fired left hooks and uppercuts from the blind side.

By the fourth round Moore was confused; by the seventh, he was bleeding badly from the nose and mouth and fighting with one eye; and late in the seventh he was knocked on his back by a jab and a straight right. He was a beaten man at that point. The fight should have been stopped by Moore's own corner.

The eighth round was the worst of boxing. Duran pummeled a one-eyed, hurt, reeling, bleeding Moore from one corner to the other. The WBA referee—whose name should live in infamy—was Ernesto Magana from Mexico. He must be a voyeur of masochism. He let the beating go on, while many ringsiders were screaming for him to stop the slaughter on Eighth Avenue. José Torres, the writer and former champion, was standing up and shouting for the fight to be stopped. Veteran sportswriters were yelling. It felt like death was entering the arena.

Finally, Jay Edson, a former referee and now an employee of Bob Arum, climbed onto the ring apron to force the referee to stop the fight. At the same moment, a bloody white towel came flying into the ring from Moore's corner. Edson seemed to reach over the ropes to compel the frozen referee's intervention. Finally, it was over, two minutes too late.

Fighters are mostly just fighters. We writers sometimes try to invest too much symbolism and allegory into boxing. Sonny Liston was not the symbol of evil, Gerry Cooney was not the symbol of the white race, Joe Louis was not the symbol of American democracy in 1938.

But Duran is still more than just a fighter to Latins. All kinds of common man dreams, pride, and nationalism are part of any great fighter's mythology. And that should be recognized, without putting too much of a symbolic burden on the fighter. It is this burden that has crushed Cooney.

The day after this fight, Hispanics all over New York City felt better because Duran won. The fight was reenacted on street corners in every Spanish-speaking neighborhood of the city. Duran, the once and future people's champion, made poor people feel proud. Who else can do that?

HAGLER-SCYPION
World Middleweight Title

PROVIDENCE, R.I.—THERE'S AN old story—we're not sure who first told it, but it sounds like vintage Myron Cohen—that tells of the golfer who couldn't find the green with a geiger counter, always firing his golf balls off into the wild blue yonder. And forever losing them. Finally, frustrated at his inability to retrieve upwards of $40 of grade-A golf balls each and every round, this founding member of the International Errant Golfers Association sought out the caddymaster for help. "I need a caddy who can find my lost golf balls," lamented the by-now frustrated golfer. "No problem," replied the caddymaster, ever equal to the task, "We have a caddy who can find a needle in a haystack at 1,000 yards. His name is 'Hawkeye' Schwartz. The only trouble is: he's 87 years old." "He's what?" asked the golfer, ready for any solution, except perhaps this one.

"He's 87," said the caddymaster. "But not to worry, he won't lose your balls." So anxious was he to find a solution to his problem that the golfer readily accepted "Hawkeye," 87 years and all.

And so it was the next day when our hero stood on the tee, aligning his first shot and a wizened old man less sauntered than teetered to the tee: 'Hawkeye' Schwartz, I presume," said the golfer, ready for anything. "And you can find a golf ball—or a needle, God forbid—in a haystack 1,000 yards away?" "That's me!" said the little old man who looked more like a prune than a caddy, so wrinkled with age was he.

Assured he had the right man, the golfer grunted something that passed for okay. Then, addressing his golf ball he sent it sailing—465 yards, up, up and away, over the sand trap, over the green and over the hills surrounding the hole.

"Did you see it?" asked the golfer, turning quickly to his newly found seeing-eye dog.

"Of course," replied old "Hawkeye." "Good!" said the golfer, "Where did it go?"

To which the little old man just raised his hands and shrugged, "I don't know, I FORGOT!"

So it is with the WBA and WBC, so sure of what they're looking for and so quick to forget what it was. The case in point to this story being Marvelous Marvin Hagler's middleweight title defense against Wilford Scypion.

Here were these two august bodies which have ruled the boxing roost since the early '60s, both desparately trying to shore up their sagging foundations.

The WBC, which had reduced the number of championship rounds down to the *reductio ad absurdum* of 12, was faced with a champion who defended his principles outside the ring much as he did his championship inside; no 12 rounds for him, he declared, the 15-round limit was the championship limit.

That left the WBA—a group which had somehow reduced their rules to a science, unfortunately, it was not a science known to mankind—with an opportunity to find their place in the sun and shine. These mental midgets—with the help of that all-around handiman, Pepe Cordero, a man who gives Frankie Carbo a good name—did an about-face and despite their constitution calling for 15-round title fights, deferred to the WBC, using as their rationale, if that's the right word where the WBA is concerned, the fact that Scypion was the WBC's No. 1 contender.

But both these half-crown and half-ass groups which have inherited the wind and little else, reckoned without Marvelous Marvin. For Hagler was putting his title on the line not only in his back yard, Providence, but in Rhode Island, the first state to declare its independence as a colony from Great Britain some 207 years before—and in the same month, to boot. Now Hagler, together with promoter Bob Arum, was all for declaring his independence, and booting the scoundrels out as well.

With this as the Byzantium background to his fight, Bob Arum sought out still another sanctioning body, seeking an endless succession of mates much as an aging movie queen ties out an endless series of husbands—hoping to find one which was self-supporting, faithful and none watchful. He found one in the USBA/I. Although, truth to tell, he could just as easily have turned to the PTA, the USFL or the AFL-CIO, Hagler's crown being a *world's* crown and very few caring a fig about the sanctioning bodies. The USBA/I, on the other glove, being a well-meaning organization, the only trouble being that no one knew their meaning.

And so it was, that after everyone forgot the flight of the fight, like ol' "Hawkeye," the two combantants climbed into a ring in Providence in front of 10,000-plus people for the "*World*" middleweight crown—the WBC and the WBA notwithstanding.

But while the behind-the-scenes fight was one of intrigue, the fight itself was anything but; it being a match between a dreadraught and an open raft, Wilford Scypion not

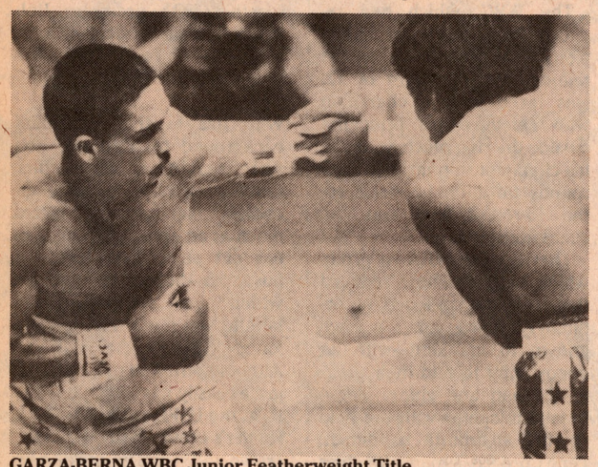
even possessing the proverbial paddle.

As a spectacle, it suffered from decided one-sidedness—and shortness. Scypion, he of the 26-3 record with 20 KO's, the dazzling victory over Frank "The Animal" Fletcher and a number-one ranking, courtesy of the aforementioned WBC, hardly showed up, despite the ring introductions. He was in the fight only intermittently, and only then to absorb shots that covered every square inch of his body, coming first in pairs—the traditional right-left from Hagler's left-handed stance—then in quartets. Scypion tried to generate an attack but his punches didn't possess enough ampage to give them power and left him vulerable to Hagler's attack.

fight accompanied by agile footwork and blows which described graceful curves, began to move in, turning right handed to belabor Scypion. Scypion threw a flurry of punches and then another, but already the vultures were circling overhead.

For, as Scypion was later to say, he was "caught between flurries" by a Hagler right. He "froze," according to his corner. But, in truth, he acted like a man half-paralyzed as a steady rhythm of punches reduced him to a canvas he already sought out, the last blow being merely a cuff to the back of the head directing him to his final destination.

It was all over at 2:47 of the fourth, regardless of referee Frank Capucchino's count or



GARZA-BERNA WBC Junior Featherweight Title

Towards the end of the first round, Hagler staggered Scypion with a left hook, causing the challenger to collapse in sections before he caught himself. It was swift and clean; not to mention brilliant. And it was a punch from which Scypion never fully recovered.

For most of rounds two and three Scypion punched holes in the air that missed the backpedaling Hagler, who was countering all the time, showing a virtuosity unseen by the middleweight division since the pre-WBC and WBA science of Sugar Ray Robinson.

And then in the fourth, Hagler, still fighting his lyrical cornerman Mike Jones' hasty entry into the ring, Wilfred Scypion wanting no more of Marvelous Marvin Hagler. The result merely confirmed Marvelous Marvin's unadulterated, undiluted and unmitigated ownership of the *World's* middleweight championship, no matter what the WBA and the WBC claimed — or, in this case, *forgot* to claim.

Now, if Jose Sulamin really wants his belt back let him, as the Philadelphia DAILY NEWS has already suggested, climb into the ring and take it back himself. Otherwise, forget it! as the WBC seems to have forgotten everything else—including

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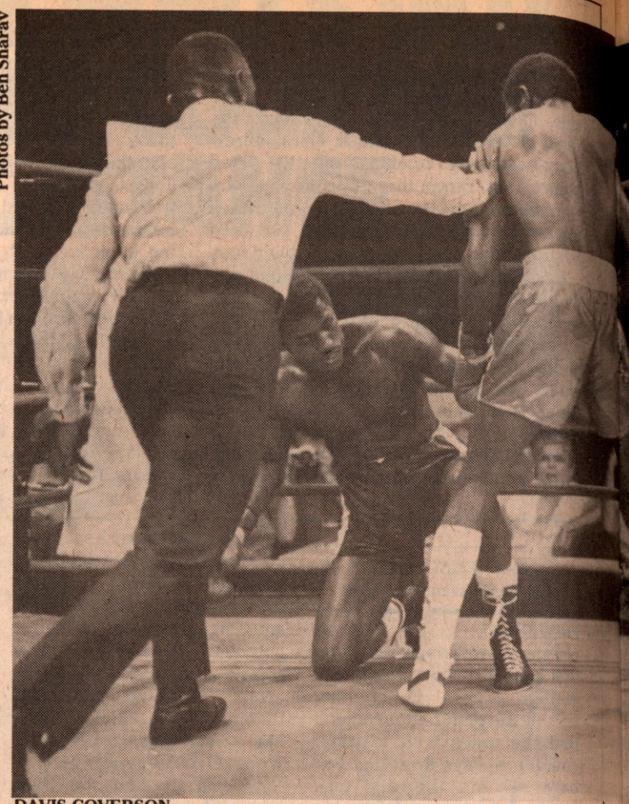

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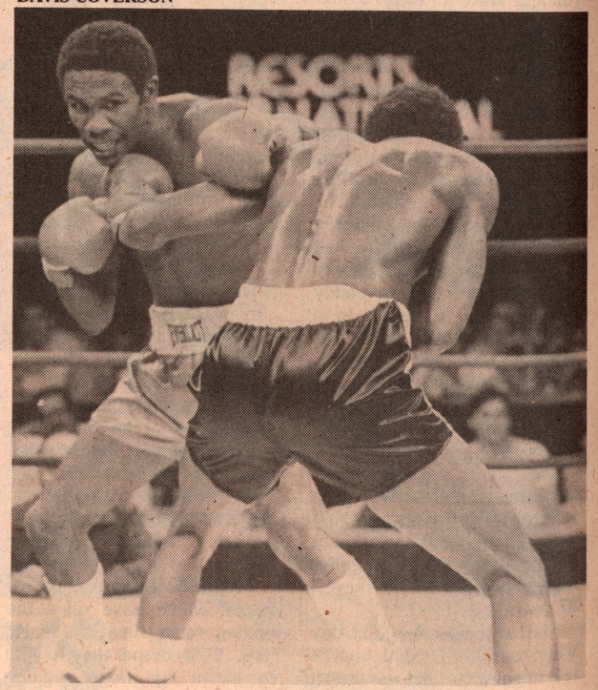

who the world recognizes as *the* middleweight champ.

Juan Roldan, 161, Freyre, Cordoba, Argentina, won a unanimous decision over "Irish" Teddy Mann, 162, Philadelphia, 10. Larry Bolvin, referee.

Murray Sutherland, 166, Bay City, Michigan, TKO'd Jean Eniebe, 163, Cameroon, Africa, at 2:16 of the ninth round in their scheduled 10. Larry Bolvin, referee.

Rafael Lopez, 130, Providence, TKO'd Jose Magniafico, 132, New York, at 2:39 of the second round in another scheduled 10. Harold Gomes, referee.

Jose Vera, 145, Hartford, Conn., won a unanimous decision over Steve Hilliard, 140, Brockton, Mass., four. Harold Gomes, referee.

Jimmy Allen, 180, Brockton, won a split duke over Danny Maccarusso, 182, Providence, four. Harold Gomes, referee.

Papito Lopez, 132, Providence, won a split decision over Jose Rivera, 133½, Boston, Mass., four. Martin Tabor, referee.

The card was held at the Providence Center. (05-27-83)

BERT RANDOLPH SUGAR

GARZA-BERNA
Vacant WBC Junior Featherweight Title

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Jamie Garza did what almost everyone expected of him, easily knocking out little known Bobby Berna in the second round to capture the vacant World Boxing Council junior featherweight title at the Olympic Auditorium. Garza knocked Berna down twice halfway through the second, and then finally sent him reeling through the ropes with a series of sharp punches to the head. At 1:53, referee Isaac Herrera of Panama mercifully halted the fight.

Garza, 24 years old, now takes the crown that Wilfredo Gomez of Puerto Rico owned for six years—and successfully defended 17 times, winning all by knockout—until problems with his weight forced him out of the division. Though Gomez is no easy act to follow, Garza sports an impressive record of 38-0 with 36 knockouts, and, after five years of professional fighting, he is finally on the verge of receiving serious recognition of his talent.

The only surprise of the night came at the end of the first round when Berna, a southpaw from the Philippines, floored the heavily favored hometown Garza with a thudding right to the face. Garza, living in nearby Pacoima, was up quickly, apparently none the worse off. Barna, 5'6", 120 pounds, was mysteriously rated second by the WBC, and, though he came into the scheduled 12-round title fight with a reputed record of 23-2-1, he could claim only nine knockouts—and not a single win over a world class opponent. Fighters from the Orient often seem to rise as if by magic in the ratings of the WBC and WBA, but once tossed in against a skilled fighter they are soon sent kicking into obscurity.

For Bobby Berna, whose real name is Bernaldez, the highlight of his trip to Los Angeles for the hastily arranged title match, promoted by Don King, was certainly what part of a reported $20,000 purse he put in his own pocket. Berna's previous best paycheck is said to have been just over $2,000. Garza, 122 pounds, took in $100,000, and should be able to hold onto his title for some time.

Odell Hadley, 160½, Culver City, California, won a unanimous decision over Daryl Penn, 156, Portland, Oregon, 10. Scoring: referee Lou Moret, 100-90; judge Larry Rozadilla, 99-93; judge John Thomas, 96-95.

Julio Cesar Chavez, 133½, Culiacan, Mexico, TKO'd Romero Sandoval, 134, Los Angeles, at 1:58 of round two in their scheduled 10. John Thomas, referee.

Harry Arroyo, 137, Youngstown, Ohio, TKO'd Tomas Chavez, 138, Culiacan, at 2:04 of the ninth round in another scheduled 10. Larry Rozadilla, referee. Arroyo was knocked down in the first.

Dana Roston, 131, Las Vegas, and James Sowell, 126¾, Los Angeles, drew, six. Scoring: referee Thomas, 58-56, Sowell; judge Rozadilla, 59-56, Roston; judge Moret, 57-57. Roston was down briefly in the third.

Frank Garcia, 205, Los Angeles, stopped Jeep Swenson, 281¼, Los Angeles, at 0:57 of the first round in a scheduled four. Referee Rozadilla halted the bout after Swenson had been knocked down twice.

Ken Watson, 162¼, Las Vegas, won a unanimous decision over Mario Ramos, 162¾, East Los Angeles, four. Larry Rozadilla, referee.
(06-15-83)

CHRISTOPHER COATS

DAVIS-COVERSON

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—Frustrated by his inability to secure a second crack at the lightweight title, Howard Davis has decided to pretend that he's a junior welterweight. And while one can certainly appreciate Howard's disgruntlement, the move seems one born more out of desperation than anything else. He sure didn't look much like a junior welter stopping Greg (Candyman) Coverson at Resorts. In fact, he weighed 137 (only two pounds over the lightweight limit), while Coverson came in at 134¾. In case anyone needs reminding, junior welterweights usually weigh in the neighborhood of 140. Nevertheless, having disposed of the surprisingly inept Coverson at 2:36 of the eighth round, Davis and his manager, Edward Gersh, insist that from now on they will concentrate their efforts in obtaining a shot at either Aaron Pryor or Bruce Curry.

"We've run to the end of the line in the lightweight division," said Gersh. "We feel that lightweight is a dead end for us. Ray Mancini is injured and when he comes back he has a fight lined up. Edwin Rosario won't fight us under any condition. We simply can't afford to sit around the rest of our lives waiting for something to come along."

Davis had little, or no trouble with Coverson. Despite the fact that Greg was ranked number six by the *Ring's* International Ratings Panel, he seemed completely out of his league. Only Howard's lack of punching power kept him from an even earlier trip to the showers.

There was a concerted effort on Davis' part to be more aggressive than usual. Perhaps he is starting to realize that his normal pitter-patter attack is hardly conducive to big box-office. (The Super Star Theatre was barely half-full for this one.) Whatever the case, Howard seemed determined to beat Coverson without the aid of the official scorekeepers. And while we can't agree with his camp's assessment that it was a "power fight," Davis' work-rate was commendable.

Coverson managed to land a few blows, but despite his knockout ratio (17 early-endings in a 29-2 record), he had absolutely nothing behind his punches. Following a prolonged flurry by Davis in the fifth, the "Candyman" fought on guts alone.

A series of left hooks dropped Coverson in a neutral corner in the seventh. He bravely stag-

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gered upright and was saved by the bell as Davis rushed in for the finish. Referee Larry Hazzard allowed a few more hooks to find their target in the eighth and then decided that enough was enough. The puzzled look on Coverson's face indicated that he was indeed in serious trouble.

After the fight, Davis expressed his feelings about the political skulduggery that has prevented him from gaining the opportunity to fight once more for the 135-pound championship.

"It makes me feel left out. I know I deserve a title shot and they (the WBA and WBC) squeeze me right out like I had done nothing. I guess if I lose one fight, they'll drop me out of the ratings all together. I have a better opportunity in the junior welterweights. It's more wide open. The second reason is that I was feeling a little weak at 135 pounds. The last couple of years, I've been straining to make the weight."

Terrence Alli, 135¾, Brooklyn, shutout washed up Gonzalo Montellano, 138, Bakersfield, California, 10. Montellano didn't win a round, and all three official scorecards were 10-0. Referee, Joe Cortez.

Iran (The Blade) Barkley, 164, New York, won a unanimous decision over Jose (Tito) Torres, 158½, New York, six. This was by far the best fight of the afternoon, with both men trading shots the entire distance. Referee, Hazzard.

Pedro Alindato, 117½, Paterson, N.J., TKO'd Santiago Corriano, 115¾, with a right uppercut at 1:12 of the second round in a scheduled six. Referee, Cortez.

The main event was televised live over CBS-TV.

Judges—Frank Brunette, Richard F. Murry, and the alternate referee. Top Rank, Inc. (06-18-83) NIGEL COLLINS

M. FRAZIER-BUGNER

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—Even though he won a Gold Medal at the 1964 Olympics, it took Joe Frazier 20 professional fights before he got a crack at the heavyweight title against Buster Mathis—and that was only the New York version. His son, Marvis, having rolled to an easy 10-round unanimous decision over Joe Bugner, will get his opportunity to fight for sport's greatest prize after only 10 bouts. It goes without saying that Marvis would still be scratching around in the prelims if his name was Smith. Be that as it may, it's now full-steam ahead towards an autumn showdown with Larry Holmes.

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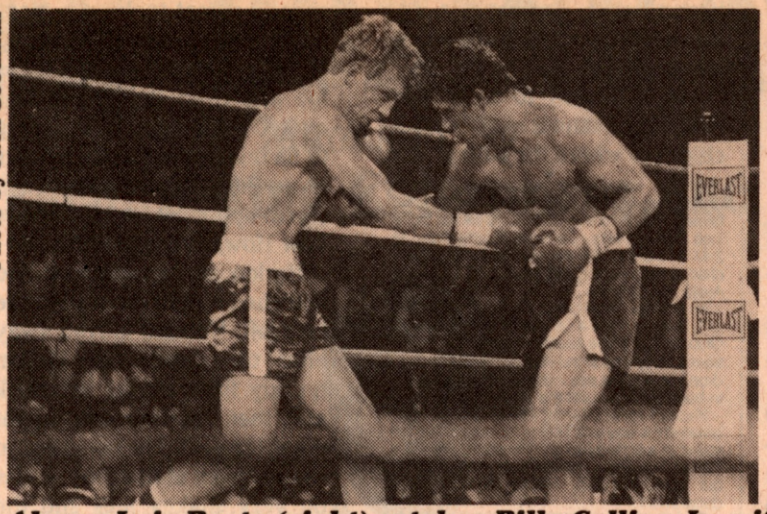

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***Above: Luis Resto (right) catches Billy Collins Jr. with a right hand in early round action of their junior middleweight prelim to Duran-Moore at M.S.G.; Right: Collins, 18 hours after the fight. For story of why Collins came to look like that, why fight was ruled "no contest" and why Resto was hit with a suspension, see* ROUND ONE, page 6.**

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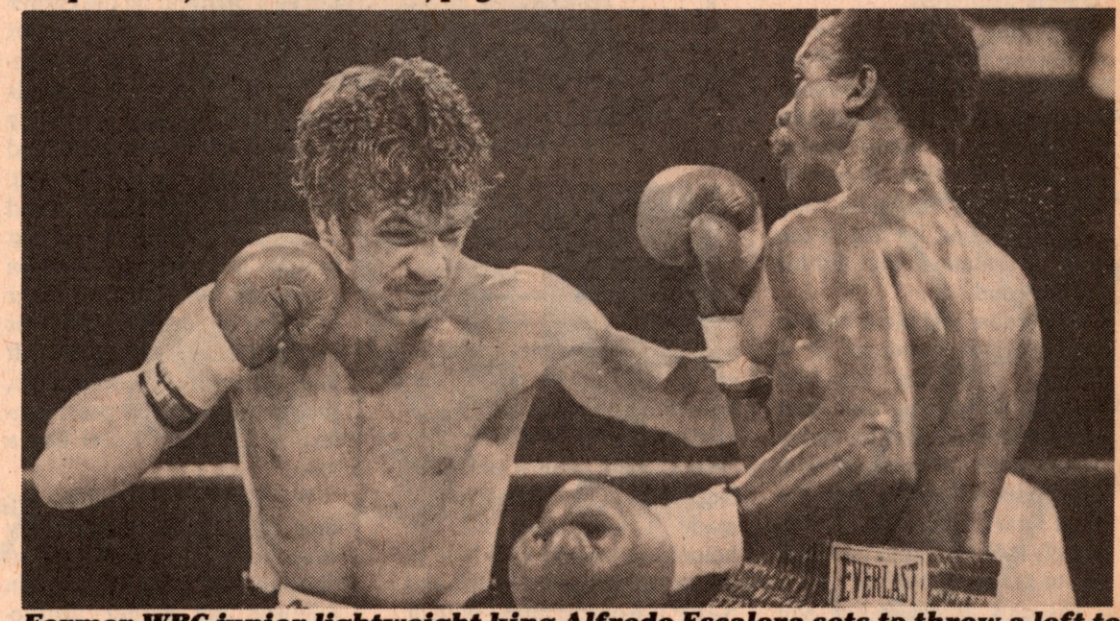

Former WBC junior lightweight king Alfredo Escalera sets to throw a left to the head of Gene Hatcher in another 10-round Duran-Moore prelim. Escalera avenged a 1982 loss to Hatcher, beating the Texan on unanimous decision.

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M. FRAZIER-BUGNER

The victory over Bugner was hardly earthshaking. Poppa Joe had turned the same trick 10 years prior and Bugner, 33, certainly hasn't improved any over the last decade. In fact, except for a handful of wins over third-raters, the big Brit hasn't won a major match since he stopped Jimmy Ellis back in 1974. Against Marvis, he looked like a man more interested in spending his purse than earning it.

Naturally, Marvis attacked from the get-go, applying constant pressure throughout. As in his recent win over James Broad, he gave away height, reach, and weight. It made little difference. Bugner only offered resistance when he ran out of room to maneuver.

Marvis, 200½, was sometimes forced to leap off his feet in order to land the famous Frazier left hook—but land it he did, raising a bump under Bugner's right eye. When he succeeded in trapping Joe along the ropes, he dug to the body in a manner that did his father proud.

Every now and then, Bugner tried a right uppercut or a straight left. The uppercut seemed to be the best shot against Marvis, but he deftly picked most of them off with his cupped left glove. For the most part, Bugner, 237¾, merely took his lumps and tried not to get too involved.

The only aspect of the fight that raised an eyebrow, or two, was the reading of the official scorecards. The English press didn't like Richard F. Murry's 10-zip for Marvis, and the Yanks wondered about Charlie Spina's narrow 6-4. From our seat, Harold Lederman's 8-2 looked about right.

"I thought the scoring was totally screwed up," said Bugner with a straight face. But then, the press conference was always the best part of Joe's fight.

Does Marvis feel that he's ready for Holmes?

"It's just another fight to me. I leave all of that up to my pop and the Vernes. I'm under their jurisdiction. Pop is the master. He sees what I'm doing; he knows what I'm capable of. When he says go, that's when we move."

And according to the senior Frazier, the time is *now*. Let the chips fall where they may.

In the semi-final, scheduled for 10, undefeated welterweight Simon (Mantequilla) Brown, 144, Washington, D.C., blew out Domingo Ayala, 144½, Carolina, Puerto Rico, at 2:41 of the first. Brown started landing punches at the opening bell and didn't stop until Ayala was helpless.

In another scheduled 10, Freddie Reyes, 141, Phila., scored a TKO over Jim Vozar, 140, Ohio, at 1:28 of the seventh. Reyes went down from a body shot in the first, but rallied back to drop Vozar in the second and then proceeded to hammer away until the stoppage.

Hector Frazier (Marvis' little brother), 139¼, brawled his way to a TKO at the end of the fifth round in a scheduled six. His opponent, Tony Rivera, 141, Phila., gave it everything he had, but couldn't match Hector in the power department.

Rodney Frazier, 206¼, TKO'd inept Josh Bryant, 217, Newport News, Virginia, at 1:38 of the second round in a scheduled six. Rodney is Joe's nephew.

Mike Perkins, 210, New York, scored a six-round split decision over Bugner's sparring partner, Steve Gee, 214½, Birmingham, England.

The main event was televised live over CBS-TV from the Sands Hotel Casino.

Tony Perez refereed the main event, Brown-Ayala, and Perkins-Gee, while Paul Venti handled Reyes-Vozar, R. Frazier-Bryant, and H. Frazier-Rivera.

Promoters—Joe Verne and Top Rank, Inc. (06-04-83)

NIGEL COLLINS

STARLING-HOWARD USBA/NABF Welterweight Titles

HARTFORD, CONN.—Kevin "The Spoiler" Howard, never a boxer to be spoiled on softies, nevertheless looks as if his talents have spoiled. The "Magic Man" didn't need his bag of tricks. The Philadelphian made it very easy for the hometown hero to grab hold of the formerly vacant USBA and NABF 147-pound titles—both of which were vacated by Donald Curry when he won the vacant WBA welterweight crown.

From bell one, Kevin looked unsure of himself—a babe in the woods—in these strange and hostile surroundings. Howard, 146¼, moved tentatively around the ring perimeter, sticking out a meek jab to try and secure supremacy. Did he really know what he was doing? Could it have been that he was psyched out by Starling when they went head to head in mid-ring even before the instructions were given? Marlon, for his part, just moved forward in usual straight-up hands-high fashion.

Howard was winning the first round by default, and then the slide to defeat took on a more permanent slope. Starling 146½, had watched films of his foe and even though he was quoted as saying, "This is going to be one of the toughest fights of my life, Kevin Howard is a worth opponent," he did notice how Howard dropped his jab.

Marlon saw an opening and launched a right cross over the lazy left. Howard moved away after the punch but Marlon quickly fired a long left hook and then another and down went Howard. He managed to right himself at five, but he was on very shakey legs and the bell came just in time.

Rounds two through 11 were, in essence, academic. A little of this, a little of that. Kevin sustained a small cut on the corner of his right eye (no stitches needed) in the sixth, got punched around badly in rounds seven and 11, and generally fought to go the route. Round 12 saw Kevin come out strong, but a case of the last round greats fell silent after the first minute. In the process, Marlon received a cut over the corner of his left eye due to a butt. This required some stitches and left Marlon in such a dejected state, that at the post-fight press confernce, he said, "I feel like a loser."

You could see throughout the bout that Howard lacked any snap in his punching and so Starling had little to fear. He followed the corner instructions of trainer/manager F. MacBuckley: "right hand under, lift him up," (from round four) and "cut him off, don't go straight in," (from round seven).

Afterwards, it was revealed by Buckley that Starling almost pulled out of the fight on Wednesday because visits to a hospital had not properly (not 100%) cured an ailing left hand. On top of that, "Moochie" injured his right hand in round four. Manager Buckley considered the fight "a one-sided joke," and that he (Marlon) controlled the fight and took Howard's game away by backing him up." Added the victor, "If I can't be the boss, then I shouldn't be in there. I have so many things in my tool chest, I can do what I wanna do, but I didn't want to get out of control."

As for Howard, he was "too down," to quote his promoter, J. Russell Peltz, to show up at the conference. It was also revealed that Kevin, who had been as high as 159 for a bout last summer, had to shed 30 pounds in just six weeks to make the weight. "The Spoiler" spoiled himself between bouts and he paid for his youthful indiscretion.

NOTES: The knockdown of Howard was the only one on the entire seven-bout card. The five-point must system of Connecticut was used rather than the 10-point title system. This was one of many compromises reached at a somewhat madhouse rules meeting. It seems that the Nutmeg State is not used to the big leagues. The venue had never before been the home of a bout scheduled for longer than 10 rounds, and, at the last moment, homemade ring cards were painted up for the last two rounds. Connecticut is at the present without a head commissioner, so chief inspector Sal Giacobbe ran the show. Though the crowd was somewhat disappointing, the gross gate did set a state indoor record. There was no official matchmaker. For the most part, the undercard consisted of local guys who train in the same gym, pairing off against each other. The win puts Starling in line for a fall shot at the McCrory-Jones winner. He will be the next available challenger at that time, according to Buckley.

Six-rounders: Milton Leaks, 146, Hartford, won a unanimous decision over Martin Mattei, also 146, Waterbury. Miguel Rosa, 152, Springfield, Mass., won a split decision over Marcus Starks, 151, Hartford. Troy Wortham, 147, Hartford, won a unanimous decision over Eliot Williams, 148, Hartford.

Four-rounders: Moses Badillo, 161, Meriden, won a majority verdict over Jesus Monzon, 159, Hartford. Kelvin Kelly, 178½, Philadelphia, won a split duke over Tyrone Booze, 179, Hartford. Edgar Rodriguez, 132, Hartford, won a unanimous decision over Gennaro Burgos, 133, Hartford.

Referees—Matt Mullany, Sam Maltempo.

Judges—Mullany, Maltempo, Robert Muravnic.

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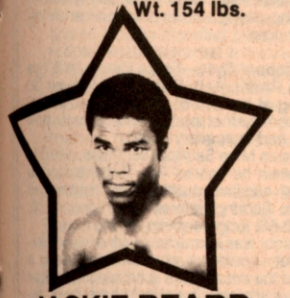

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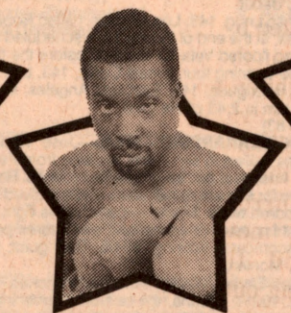

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RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

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CALIFORNIA

▲LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium—Sergio Medina, 138½, Guadalajara won a 10 round-split decision over Ricardo Jimenez, 140, Hawthorne. Jiminez was floored in the second and was on the verge of going down several other times, but always fought back, much to the delight of the fans, who showered the ring with coins afterward. The scores of judges Gwen Farrell (98-93), and Dr. James Jen-Kin (97-94), both for Medina, were accurate assessments of the fight. It should have been unanimous but referee Fritz Werner favored Jimenez, 97-94.

Roberto Garcia, 140¼, Maywood, outpointed Marcel Wade, 141, Los Angeles, six. Wade was hurt several times, and was lucky to hear the final bell.

Unbeaten Luis Santana, 149, Los Angeles, stopped Doug James, 146, Beverly Hills, at 2:28 of the third of a scheduled six. Santana did all the punching.

Eighteen-year-old Damasio Cortez, 141, Los Angeles, got his pro career off to an impressive start with a first round knockout over Alejandro Chavarin, 140, Rosemead.

Jeff Wright, 162, Los Angeles, needed just 33 seconds to dispose of Giovani Monianci, 161½, Los Angeles. The scheduled four rounder was Wright's first pro fight.
(03-31-83)

▲LOS ANGELES—Casa Camino Real—Everardo Rico, 130, Tijuana, stopped Bunji Ando, 125½, Tokyo, referee Pat Connolly intervening at 2:53 of the 9th of a scheduled ten after Ando had been down four times. Ando, the former Super Bantamweight Champion of Japan, was floored in the 2nd, 3rd, and twice in the 9th, each time a right hand doing the damage.

John Michael Roy, 157, Pasadena, made it two fights without a defeat by outpointing Billy Robertson, 161, Los Angeles, over six. Robertson was a one-handed fighter after breaking his right thumb in the second, but was still able to floor Roy in the fifth. The scoring was split: referee Lou Filippo, 48-46, Roy; judge John Thomas, 49-47, Robertson; judge Connolly, 48-47, Roy.

Debuting Sylvester Lee, 209, Los Angeles, outpointed Al Seguin, 227, Westminster, in an action packed four, all three officials scoring 39-38.

Ernest Lee Curtis, 146, Los Angeles, evened his record at 1-1, knocking out debuting Daniel Rodriguez, 148, Bell, at 2:34 of the 2nd of a scheduled four. Rodriguez was down in the first and second. The non-stop punching of Joey Olivera, 135½, Pasadena, was too much for Tomas Rodriguez, 135, Bell, Olivera taking the unanimous verdict in an exciting four round curtain raiser. Both were making their pro debuts.
(04-19-83)

▲LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium—John Montes, 138, Whittier, kayoed Daniel Sanchez, also 138, Mexicali, at 1:25 of the second in a scheduled ten. Montes, returning to the ring for the first time since his one round knockout loss to Hector Camacho two months earlier, flattened Sanchez with a short right to the head.

Hugo Perez, 117¼, Tijuana, won a majority decision over Martin Cardenas, 114, Los Angeles, 10. Referee Armando Muniz scored the fight 99-95, judge Dick Young carded 98-92, and judge Larry Rozadilla had it 96-96. Cardenas tried very hard, but could not overcome the big reach advantage of southpaw Diaz.

Richie Fowler, 132¼, Albuquerque, was another narrow winner, unanimously outpointing Martin Galvan, 132, Santa Paula, over six. The fight was always closely contested, Fowler perhaps a bit busier.

A scheduled six-rounder between Yuto Kazaki, 119, Tokyo, and Sam Espinosa was declared a technical draw after only 1:44 of the first when an accidental butt by Espinosa opened a severe laceration over the left eye of Kazaki.

Derreck Kelly, 151, Los Angeles, decked Rodolfo Villegas, three times in the first, then floored fellow debutant Villegas, 147, Tijuana, for the full count 50 seconds into the 2nd of a scheduled four.
(04-22-83)

▲INGLEWOOD—Forum—California State Lightweight Champion Connie Swift, 135, Lynwood, knocked out Rosendo Ramirez, 131½, La Puente, at 1:28 of the third of a scheduled ten to advance in the Lightweight Division of the second $130,000 Forum Boxing Tournament. Swift, now 9-0-2, dropped Ramirez with a left hook, and after the mandatory eight count, landed a succession of blows to the head that prompted referee John Thomas to stop the bout.

Fight of the night was an excellent crowd pleasing middleweight tournament bout between Jeff Morgan and Ricky Weigel. Morgan, 159, Los Angeles, was judged to be a majority ten round winner over Weigel, 157, Pasadena, yet it was a pity there had to be a loser. Morgan's cleaner punching was probably the difference. Weigel fought a fight full of aggression, but often flailed away, landing very few solid punches. Scoring: Referee Dr. James Jen-Kin, 96-96; judge Lou Moret, 96-95, Morgan; judge Thomas 97-95, Morgan.

Switch hitter James Waire, 160, Los Angeles, was a near shutout winner over Richie Chavez, 159, Artesia, 10. Chavez scored with an occasional body punch, but otherwise was consistently beaten to the punch by the more experienced Waire, now 18-12-3. Scoring: Jen-Kin 199-90, Thomas 99-92, Moret 98-94.

Manuel Canela, 125, Inglewood, halted Mando Sanchez, 126¼, Ontario, Referee Jen-Kin stopping the fight after 1:53 of the third in a scheduled six to save Sanchez from further punishment.

Mike Sedillo, 177, Chino, TKO'd Richard Harrell, 180, Los Angeles, who was retired by his corner at the end of the first round in a scheduled four.
(04-23-83)

▲CULVER CITY—Veteran's Memorial Building—Unbeaten Elias Madrid, 134, Sylmar, kayoed Fernando Mesa, 136, Tijuana, after 1:38 of the first of a scheduled ten. Mesa remained on the canvas for several minutes after taking a left hook to the body.

Baja Lightweight Rigoberto Ruiz, 136, outpointed former Orient junior lightweight champion Ryu Fukida, 135, Tokyo, over ten wild rounds, both men rewarded with an ovation. Ruiz floored Fukida in the 3rd and 8th, but was down himself in the 2nd. The very physical Fukida was penalized one point for a low blow and warned for numerous other infractions. The scoring was split: referee Vince Delgado, 96-91, Ruiz; judge Lou Filippo, 96-93, Ruiz; judge Eddie Fierro, 95-94, Fukida.

Ken Brown, 228, Los Angeles, stopped Greg Bracey, 190, San Bernardino, at 3:08 of the first round off a scheduled six. Referee Filippo intervening after Bracey had been down for nine. This was a bad mismatch; Brown is 5-0 with 5 kayoes, Bracey was making his pro debut.

Alfonso Long, 148, Los Angeles, halted Roberto Veta, 149, Los Angeles, at the end of the third in a scheduled six. Long, 6-0 as a pro, had floored Veta 10 seconds before the third round bell.

In the opening four, Ernest Curtis, 143, Los Angeles, dropped Albert Rodriguez, 145, East Los Angeles, in the first, then flattened him in 2:43 of the third.
(04-23-83)

▲SAN BERNARDINO—Arena—Jose Rodriguez, 130, Los Angeles, rallied to win a split decision from Pedro Montero, 131, Santa Ana, over ten action packed rounds. Rodriguez had been inactive for four and a half years and it showed in the first when he was floored twice. Montero, cut over his right eye, boxed cagily against his determined foe and was a three point winner on The Ring scorecard. Scoring: 98-95, Rodriguez; 97-94, Rodriguez; 96-95, Montero.

Carlos Bryant, 132¼, Pomona, punched too hard for Jose Lopez, 132½, Tijuana, the referee intervening when a left-right sent Lopez through the ropes at 1:44 of the fourth in a scheduled six.

Alberto Dela Cruz, 135, Los Angeles, outslugged Glenn Hinton, 134, Los Angeles, dropping him twice on the way to a knockout win at 1:59 of the second in a scheduled six.

Stacey Grant, 144, Los Angeles, outpointed Hector Martinez, 146, Santa Ana, four. Martinez was down in the first.
(04-29-83)

▲LOS ANGELES—Casa Camino Real—Oldtimer Mike Mayan, 146, San Diego, unanimously outpointed previously unbeaten Al Jordan, 147, North Hollywood, seven, not losing a round.

Arnold White, 131, San Diego, stopped Leonardo Medina, 133, Los Angeles, after just 47 seconds of the first in a scheduled six.

Jahid Kareem, 155, Los Angeles, kayoed debuting Joe Esquevel, 156, Los Angeles, in 2:12 of the second of a scheduled five. There were some anxious moments when Esquevel hit his head on the canvas after being dropped by a left hook.

Valdez Hubbard, 145, Los Angeles, made his pro debut a short one knocking out inept Eddie Whiteside, 146, San Diego, in the first of a scheduled four. Whiteside, also making his pro debut, was down three times in 43 seconds.

Ernest Curtis, 145, Los Angeles, kayoed Glenn McGee, 146, Compton, at 2:12 of the third in a scheduled four. A southpaw left put debuting McGee on his back.

Because of poor crowd response, ring officials Larry Rozadilla, Lou Moret, and Dick Young, along with ring announcer Jimmy Lennon, donated their services.
(05-03-83)

▲CHINO—Chino High School Gym—Felipe Canela, 145, Los Angeles, stopped Hector Rivera, 146, Santa Ana, Referee Dr. James Ken-Kin intervening at the end of the eighth in a scheduled 10 to save Rivera from further punishment. Canela, now 17-1-1 with 12 knockouts, had won every round.

Behind on points, unbeaten Mike Sedillo, 185, Chino, rallied to win a majority decision when he floored Ron Richardson, also 185, Los Angeles, in the 6th and final round. Sedillo was dropped in the 1st and 2nd rounds. Scoring: referee Lou Filippo, 56-56; judge Armando Muniz, 58-56; judge Jen-Kin, 56-55.

James Alger, 133½, Chino, was a knockout winner when Derrick Hill, 136, Los Angeles, could not continue after taking a thumb in the eye at 2:21 of the second in a scheduled five. Alger was credited with four knockdowns, but should have been disqualified for repeatedly hitting Hill when he was down.
(05-06-83)

▲LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium—Comebacking Herman Montes, 148½, Montebello, and Eric Martin, 144, San Francisco, fought to a 10-round draw. Scoring: referee John Thomas, 97-95, Martin; judge Vince Delgado, 97-95, Montes; judge Larry Rozadilla, 96-96.

Carl Jones, 159¾, Los Angeles, was a clear winner over Jorge Miranda, 162, San Diego, in a sometimes dull eight-rounder.

In the best fight of the night, Derrick Kelly, 150, Los Angeles, was a six round split decision winner over Johnny Gonzales, 148, Santa Paula. Scoring: Thomas, 57-58, Kelly; Delgado, 58-57, Gonzales; Rozadilla, 58-56, Kelly.

Ruben Perales, 126½, kayoed Mike Reyes, 128½, in 1:52 of the second in a scheduled four.

Mike Randle, 173½, outpointed Tony Willingham, 174½, four. Willingham was down and saved by the bell in the final round.
(05-06-83)

▲SAN BERNARDINO—Arena—Armando Ugalde, 119, Los Angeles, started slowly but landed the sharper punches over the last six rounds to win a 10-round majority decision over Lorenzo Ramirez, 119, Los Angeles. Ugalde touched down briefly in the 2nd and lost a point for low blows in the 4th. Scoring: Judge Pat Connolly, 96-95, Ugalde; judge Lou Moret, 95-94, Ugalde; referee Dr. James Jen-Kin, 94-94. The Ring agreed with Dr. Jen-Kin's score.

Arnold White, 132, San Diego, lost his unbeaten record when he apparently decided that Carlos Bryant, 132, Pomona, punched too hard after only 1:17 of the first of a scheduled six. White took a left, dove for the canvas and made no attempt to get up.

Debuting Richardo Gomez, 134¼, Los Angeles, won every round but had to fight hard to win a four round unanimous decision over Juan Gaxiola, 135, Los Angeles. Gomez floored Gaxiola in the fourth.

Cesar Flores, 121, Los Angeles, knocked out inept Miguel Rodela, 122, Los Angeles, with a left at 1:50 of the third of a scheduled four. Rodela missed badly with nearly every punch he threw, but somehow managed to floor Flores in the second.
(05-13-83)

▲LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium—Fighting for the first time in nearly a year, Frankie Baltazar, 136, LaPuente, stopped Jerry Lewis, 136, San Jose, at 2:57 of the third in a scheduled 10. Baltazar made it look easy, flooring Lewis in the second.

Juan Rodriguez, 126, West Covina, knocked out Adolfo Marquez, 125½, Tucson, at 2:33 of the eighth in a scheduled ten. Marquez was down in the second and the eighth.

Cisco Ortega, 152, Pacoima, kayoed Harvey Saloman, 156½, Bakersfield, at 51 seconds of the fourth in a scheduled ten. Saloman was knocked through the ropes by a right in the second and dropped by a left in the 4th. Saloman took referee Lou Filippo's ten count on one knee.

In the only prelim, Alex Hernandez, 160, Los Angeles, halted Joe Lewis, 161, San Jose, in the second.
(05-13-83)

▲LOS ANGELES—Sports Arena—Richie Sandoval, 129, Pomona, rallied in the final four rounds to take a 10 round majority decision over George Garcia, 119, Westminster. Garcia, 18-2-2 with seven kayoes, had outboxed Sandoval to edge most of the early rounds. Sandoval, 21-0 with 15 knockouts, had his best round in the ninth, cutting Garcia over the left eye and nearly flooring him several times. Scoring: referee Lou Moret, 95-95; judge Rudy Jordan, 97-94; judge Larry Rozadilla, 96-95. *The Ring* favored Sandoval, 96-94.

A right to the jaw floored Sergio Medina in the first, but Medina, 140, Ocatlan, Jalisco, Mexico, came back to knockout Ezzard Charles Adams, 136, Houston, at 2:59 of the fourth in a scheduled 10. Adams took the full 10 from referee Rozadilla on one

knee after going down from what he claimed was a blow to the back of his head.

Gilberto Roman, 116, Guadalajara, was a near shutout 10-round unanimous winner over very game Jose Torres, 117, Tucson. Torres was down for nine in the second.

Damasio Cortez, 141¾, Los Angeles, was a winner in his second professional fight, unanimously outpointing Miguel Juarez, 141½, Pomona, over six tremendously exciting rounds. Cortez ignored a badly bloodied nose to floor Juarez in the third and wobble him several times in the sixth. Scoring: referee Rozadilla, 58-56; judge Jordan, 58-55; judge Moret, 57-56.

Unbeaten Leo Simmons, 130, Los Angeles, recovered from a first round knockdown to win the next three rounds and a four-round majority decision over debuting Luis Perez, 125¼, Anaheim. Scoring: referee Jordan, 38-38; judges Moret and Rozadilla, both 38-37.
(05-19-83)

▲**INGLEWOOD—Forum**—Jeff McCracken, 158½, Las Vegas, advanced to the semi-finals of the second Forum Championship Tournament, stopping veteran David Love, 160, San Diego, at 2:11 of the third in a scheduled 10, referee Dr. James Jen-Kin intervening to save Love from further punishment. Love, down earlier in the third, had been wobbled repeatedly.

Greg Triplett, 134½, Pasadena, also won his first round tournament bout, knocking out Mike Anderson, 134, Los Angeles, at 2:04 of the third in a scheduled 10. Anderson was floored in the first and the third, Triplett was down in the second.

Walter, Sims, 133½, Los Angeles, knocked out Gabriel Gonzalez, 134, East Los Angeles, at 1:39 of the third of a scheduled six. Gonzalez was down twice in the third, the second time for the full count.

Don Lopez, 117, San Diego, didn't lose a round unanimously outpointing Louis Lopez, 117, Maywood, four. Louis was down in the first.
(05-21-83)

▲**LOS ANGELES—Sports Arena**—Refugio Rojas won a 12-round unanimous decision over Charm Chiteule to retain his USBA junior lightweight title. The quicker Chiteule, 129, a Zambian fighting out of Las Vegas, held his own through six rounds, but Rojas, 129¾, Los Angeles, dominated from the seventh with a non-stop body attack. Scoring: referee Lou Filippo, 118-111; judge Dr. James Jen-Kin, 117-112; judge John Thomas, 119-110.

Jose Serna, 147½, Los Angeles, and Rigoberto Lopez, 152½, Hawthorne, battled to a hard fought six-round draw. Serna seemed to be a deserving winner, clearly taking four of the six rounds on *The Ring* scorecard. Scoring: referee Thomas, 58-57, Lopez; judge Filippo, 59-57, Serna; judge Jen-Kin, 57-57.

Roberto Juarez, 140¼, Pomona, halted Jose Sanchez, 144, Los Angeles, referee Jen-Kin stopping the fight 1:37 into the fifth and final round after Sanchez had been decked for the third time.

Scott Ochoa, 158, Salt Lake City, unanimously outpointed Jeff Mitchell, 159, Long Beach, four. Scoring: referee Thomas, 39-37; judge Filippo, 40-37; judge Jen-Kin, 39-37.

Martin Galvan, 139, Santa Paula, and Jose Resendiz, 139, Los Angeles, both normally 10-round fighters, ended up all even in a four-round show closer. Scoring: Thomas, 39-39; Filippo, 40-36; Galvan, Jen-Kin, 38-38.
(05-26-83)

▲**SAN BERNARDINO—San Bernardino Arena**—Former Mexican featherweight champion Jose Torres, 134, TKO'd Jose Rodriguez, 135, Los Angeles, the bout being stopped at the end of the fourth round in a scheduled 10 when Rodriguez could not continue because of a badly cut lip. Rodriguez, boxing cleverly, had won the first four rounds.

Carlos Bryant, 130, Pomona, won his third straight at this arena, knocking out Alberto Jones, 132, Los Angeles, in 2:18 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Jones had been floored three times.

Luis Hernandez, 126, Redlands, got his professional career off to a good start, knocking out Luis Ontiveros, Los Angeles, in just 46 seconds of the first round in a scheduled four. A tremendous left hook to the chin flattened Ontiveros.

Sylvester Lee, 197, Los Angeles, stopped Malachia Malone, 191, Compton, at 1:59 of the third in a scheduled four, referee Dr. James Jen-Kin intervening after Malone had been floored three times.

Miguel Juarez, 138, Pomona, unanimously outpointed game and bloodied Javier Dela Cruz, 138, Los Angeles, over four hard fought rounds. There was a lot of effort, but not much skill.
(05-27-83)

▲**LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium**—Lupe Aquino, 148, Whittier, unanimously outpointed Chino Bermudez, 149, Culiacan, Mexico, 10. The Mexican veteran gave the once beaten Aquino a lot of trouble, although at times he did more holding than fighting. Scoring: Larry Rozadilla, 98-94; Lou Moret, 97-91; Chuck Hassett, 97-94.

Ghanan southpaw Prince Mama Mohammad, 176, jabbed his way to an east but very dull 10-round unanimous win over Niua Tofaeono, 176, Long Beach. Tofaeono won only the first round.

Don Bracey, 161, Los Angeles, won a split decision over Alex Hernandez, 163, Los Angeles, six.

G.C. Smith, 182, Long Beach, kayoed Darrell Hackett, 176, Los Angeles, in 1:17 of the third in a scheduled five.

Unbeaten Alvin Prouder, 153¾, Santa Monica, kayoed inept Stefano Urena, 158, Los Angeles, in 2:42 of the first round in a scheduled four. A right hand floored the debuting Urena for the full count.
(05-27-83)

▲**CULVER CITY—Veteran's Memorial Building**—Sylmar twins Erick and Elias Madrid had little trouble disposing of Mexican imports. Erick, 131½, kayoed Eduardo Castro, 134, Tijuana, in the first round of a scheduled 10. Elias, 132½, kayoed Jose Nicolas, 134, Tijuana, in the third round of 10 scheduled.

Unbeaten Ken (Baby) Brown, 227, Los Angeles, stepped up in class to outpoint Larry Ware, 206, Reno, six.

Alfonzo Long, 146, Los Angeles, also kept his unbeaten record, halting Juan Jose Ramirez, 147, Tijuana, in the fifth round of a scheduled six.

Debuting Ron Adams, 147, outscored Valdez Hubbard, 145, Los Angeles, four. Hubbard is now 1-1.

James Sowell, 127, Los Angeles, outscored Chris Buell, 126, Los Angeles, four.
(05-27-83)

DEAN LOHUIS

CONNECTICUT

▲**WEST HARTFORD—Agora Ballroom**—Marcus Starks, 152, Hartford, called on his superior punching power to stop Chi Chi Hernandez, 153, Hartford, at 1:05 of the fifth round in a slated six. It was an exciting battle for the first four heats, as the much taller, longer-reaching Hernandez led his foe on a jogging trip and speared Starks as the latter tried to get underneath.

"Chi-Chi" was the repeated cry of that portion of the crowd rooting for the underdog, as Hernandez surprised all by holding his own against a more experienced fighter from a rival Hartford gym. It was so exciting midway in the scrap that John Datro, one of Hernandez's handlers, fell off his stool.

Chi-Chi drew more cheers as he fought back in the fifth round, but he was losing ground fast after landing a hook on the jaw. Marcus responded with a series of 10 blows landing on Hernandez's lowered head. A series of punches followed a solid right and left to the head, in the sixth, and referee Lou Bogash leaped in to protect the still standing but spent Hernandez.

Troy Wortham, 149, Hartford, outscored Elliott Williams, 150, Hartford, six. Wortham is now 11-0.

Tyrone Booze, 178, Hartford, outpointed Jose Verdejo, 177, Springfield, Mass., six.

John Brunelle, 159, Springfield, outscored Jesus Munoz, 158, Hartford, four.

Marty Mattei, 148, Waterbury, won a majority decision over Cumba Valentine, 146, Hartford, four.

Officials—Lou Bogash, Walter Longo, Bob Muravnick.
Timekeeper—Jack LaSalle.
Ringside Physician—Steven M. Stein, M.D.
Ring Announcer—Lou Dell.
Promoter—John Mazzaralle/Sports Promotions.
Matchmaker—Vinnie Datro.
Attendance—281. Gross—$3,180. (05-31-83)

JOSEPH CASSANO

UNITED STATES RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Greg Page (Kentucky)
2. Mike Weaver (California)
3. Pinklon Thomas (Pennsylvania)
4. Renaldo Snipes (New York)
5. Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
6. S. T. Gordon (Nevada)
7. Gerry Cooney (New York)
8. Randall (Tex) Cobb (Texas)
9. John Tate (Tennessee)
10. Marvis Frazier (Pennsylvania)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Dwight Braxton (New Jersey)
2. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (New Jersey)
3. Carlos De Leon (Puerto Rico)
4. Eddie Davis (New York)
5. John Davis (New York)
6. Marvin Johnson (Indiana)
7. Oscar Rivadeneyra (New Jersey)
8. Willie Edwards (Michigan)
9. Eric Winbush (New York)
10. Larry Lane (N. Carolina)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
2. Frank Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
3. Wilford Scypion (Texas)
4. James Shuler (Pennsylvania)
5. Dwight Davison (Michigan)
6. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
7. James Green (New Jersey)
8. James Kinchen (California)
9. Bernard Mays (Michigan)
10. Vinnie Curto (Massachusetts)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Wilfred Benitez (Puerto Rico)
2. Mike McCallum (New York)
3. Davey Moore (New York)
4. James Green (New Jersey)
5. Fred Hutchings (California)
6. Gary Guiden (Indiana)
7. Sean Mannion (Massachusetts)
8. Mark Medal (New Jersey)
9. Buster Drayton (Pennsylvania)
10. Billy Collins (Tennessee)

WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Milton McCrory (Michigan)
2. Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
3. Roger Stafford (Pennsylvania)
4. Kevin Howard (Pennsylvania)
5. Pete Ranzany (California)
6. Luis Resto (New York)
7. Bobby Joe Young (Ohio)
8. Milton Guest (New York)
9. Simon Brown (Washington, D.C.)
10. Robert Hines (Pennsylvania)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Johnny Bumphus (New Jersey)
2. Saoul Mamby (New York)
3. Steve Hearon (Texas)
4. Leroy Haley (Nevada)
5. Billy Costello (New York)
6. Ronnie Shields (Texas)
7. Tommy Ayres (Ohio)
8. Harry Arroyo (Ohio)
9. Alfredo Escalera (Puerto Rico)
10. Gene Hatcher (Texas)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
2. Roberto Elizondo (Texas)
3. Livingstone Bramble (New Jersey)
4. Jimmy Paul (Michigan)
5. Robin Blake (Texas)
6. Ken Bogner (New Jersey)
7. Melvin Paul (Louisiana)
8. Alvin Hayes (Michigan)
9. Tony Baltazar (California)
10. Tyrone Crawley (Washington, D.C.)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Bobby Chacon (California)
2. Hector Camacho (New York)
3. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)
4. Johnny de La Rosa (Florida)
5. Rolando Navarrete (Hawaii)
6. Refugio Rojas (California)
7. Ruben Munoz (Texas)
8. Tyrone Jackson (New York)
9. Hector Cortes (California)
10. Tony Santana (New York)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Wilfredo Gomez (Puerto Rico)
2. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
3. Jose Caba (California)
4. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
5. Jackie Beard (Michigan)
6. Ruben Castillo (California)
7. Johnny de La Rosa (Florida)
8. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
9. Irving Mitchell (California)
10. Paul DeVorce (New York)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Mike Ayala (New York)
2. Carmelo Negron (New York)
3. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
4. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
5. Oscar Muniz (California)
6. Gaby Canizales (Texas)
7. Lenny Valdez (Nevada)
8. Jose Parilla (Puerto Rico)
9. Jose Lopez (California)
10. Vince Christian (Pennsylvania)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
1. Albert Davila (California)
2. Oscar Muniz (California)
3. Gaby Canizales (Texas)
4. Richard Sandoval (California)
5. Harold Petty (Texas)
6. Freddie Jackson (Texas)
7. James Pipps (Texas)
8. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
9. George Garcia (California)
10. David Johnson (Texas)

FLYWEIGHTS
1. Alonso Gonzales (California)
2. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
3. Joey Olivo (California)
4. Willie Jensen (Nevada)
5. Orlando Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
6. Henry Brent (New York)
7. Ian Clyde (California)
8. Steve Whetstone (Florida)
9. Ramon Perez (Puerto Rico)
10. Norberto Castellanos (Texas)

FLORIDA

▲TAMPA—Homer Westerly Armory—Don Lee, 164¼, Gary, Indiana, TKO'd Milton Owens, 164¼, St. Petersburg, at 2:10 of the first round of a scheduled 10. Victor Perez, referee. Lee is now 15-1 with 15 kayoes.

Pedro Laza, 136, Miami, won a unanimous decision over Ezzard Charles Adams, 134, Houston, Texas, 10. Laza is now 23-2.

Kel Robin, 145, Miami, kayoed Luis Rivera, 144, Houston, in 1:25 of the seventh round in a scheduled eight.

Kenny Snow, 155½, Columbus, Ohio, TKO'd Greg Young, 153, Orlando, Florida, at 2:52 of the third round. Snow is now 9-0.

Dale Wilburn, 180½, West Virginia, TKO'd Oscar Holman, 178, Miami. Holman was unable to answer the bell for round five.

Duane Cooper, 148, Huntington, West Virginia, kayoed Junior Bethel, 140, Miami, at 1:38 of the second in a scheduled four-rounder.

Isaac Valdez, 155, Tampa, kayoed Marshall Washington, 152, Jacksonville, in 2:48 of the fourth and final round.

Promoter—Phil Alessi.
Matchmakers—Ken Rosenberg, Brad Jacobs.
USA Cable TV.
Attendance—723.
(05-06-83)

JUSTIN LAWRENCE

▲MIAMI—Jai-Alai Fronton—Former WBC junior lightweight champion Alfredo Escalera, 139½, Puerto Rico, won the American Inter-Continental junior welterweight title with a unanimous decision over Martin Rojas, 140, Colombia, 12. Escalera is now 50-13-3. Bernie Soto, referee.

Luis Urrica, 136¼, Miami, TKO'd Hector Rivera, also 136¼, Puerto Rico, at 1:30 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10. Eddie Eckart, referee.

Federico Latino, 131, Miami, TKO'd Julio Guzman, 125, Miami, at 2:30 of the second round in a scheduled six.

Herminio Hernandez, 132½, Miami, and David DelaRosa, 130, Mexico City, drew, four.

Henry Winston, 138¼, Virgin Islands, TKO'd Daniel Montero, 132½, Miami at 2:28 of the first round in their scheduled four.

Promoter—Felix Zabala/Tuto Enterprises, Inc.
Attendance—1,730
(05-13-83)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

GEORGIA

▲CARROLLTON—West Georgia Fairgrounds—Harry Daniels, Carrollton, won a unanimous decision over Carlos Mims, Pensacola, middles. Daniels is now 6-1-1. Mims is 4-3.

Kenneth Rooks, Carrollton, outpointed Rocky Oswald, Pensacola, five. Both middleweights were making their professional debuts.

Jimmy Cook, Carrollton, kayoed Frank Bass, Pensacola, in the first round, cruiserweights.

Miles Prince, Atlanta, won a split duke over Big Mike McFadden, Carrollton, four, heavies.

John Fuller, Pensacola, stopped Mike Haygood, Huntsville, Alabama in a scheduled six-rounder, bantams. Haygood cracked his hand on Fuller's head.

Victor Sanchez, Atlanta, TKO'd Frederick Addison, Carrollton, in the second round welters.

Referee—Jim Korb.
Judges—Robert Wilson, Mike Lee, Donnie Powers.
Ring Announcer—Carl Thompson.
Promoter—Haliburton Sports.
Attendance—700.
(05-06-83)

CARL THOMPSON

ILLINOIS

▲CHICAGO—Americana Congress Hotel—Young Joe Louis, 194, Chicago, won a shutout unanimous decision over Benjamin Griffin, 195, Kansas City, Missouri, 10. Griffin, who just wouldn't quit, was down three times.

Jeff Lampkin, 177, Youngstown, Ohio, was a lopsided unanimous decision over Rodney Green, 174, Kansas City, Kansas, 10.

Mike Landini, 154, Chicago, TKO'd Larry McFadden, 154, Kansas City, Kansas, at 2:40 of the first round in a scheduled eight.

Dale Jackson, 165, Chicago, won a unanimous decision over Danny Blake, 161, Milwaukee, eight.

Craig Bodzianowski, 196¼, Orland Park, Illinois, TKO'd Robert Obey, 191, Montgomery, West Virginia, at 1:02 of the fifth round in a scheduled six.

Ramzi Ibrihim, 176½, Chicago, won a majority decision over James Churn, 181, Galesburg, Illinois, six.

Four-rounders: Jessie Torres, 132, Aurora, Illinois, and Sammy Matos, 135¼, Chicago, battled to a fierce draw, Torres making his pro debut. Jeff Lanas, 160, Chicago, won a unanimous duke over Mark Hughes, 161, Kansas City, Mo. Brian Higgins, 154, Chicago, made a sensational pro debut by knocking out Leslie Mixon, 159, Galesburg, in 1:32 of the first round.

Referees—Stanley Berg, Brian O'Shea.
Judges—Mike Glienna, Harold Marovitz, Bill Lerch, Al James.
Timekeeper—Al Tremari.
Ringside Physician—Glenn Bynum, M.D.
Announcer—Art Manzy.
Promoter—Cedric Kushner.
Attendance—534.
(03-07-83)

▲CHICAGO—Americana Congress Hotel—James (Quick) Tillis, 206½, Chicago, got back on the winner's side with a unanimous decision over the venerable Leroy Boone, 230, Virginia Beach, Va., 10.

James Salerno, 179, Orlando, Florida, Angelo Dundee's crack light heavy, left jabbed his way to a unanimous decision over Fred Brown, 176, Norfalk, Virginia, 10. Salerno is now 28-2.

Mike Brothers, 175, Chicago, won the vacant Illinois State light heavyweight title when Henry Sims, also 175, Chicago, was unable to answer the bell for the 10th and final session.

Jeff Lanas, 161, Chicago, won a hard fought unanimous verdict over Danny Blake, 162¼, Milwaukee, six.

Henry Mobley, 145, Chicago, won a majority decision over Lesley Toney, 140, Youngstown, Ohio, six.

Four-rounders: Brian Higgins, 155½, Chicago, went to 2-0 by halting Oscar Juares, 154, Sterling, Illinois, at 2:52 of the second. Keith Vining, 175½, Detroit, TKO'd John Lard, 175, Chicago, at 2:43 of the first. Dave Hill, 162, Chicago, kayoed Harry Allen, 168, Detroit, in 0:38 of the first round.

Referees—Stanley Berg, Al Preslinger.
Judges—James DiVito, Collins Brown, Bill Lerch, Al James.
Timekeeper—Al Tremari.
Ringside Physician—Glenn Bynum, M.D.
Announcer—Angelo Buscaglia.
Promoter—Cedric Kushner.
Attendance—386.
(03-28-83)

▲CHICAGO—Galaxie Ballroom—Ali Kareem Muhammad, 140, Chicago, won the vacant Illinois State junior welterweight title with a majority decision over Jesus Gallardo, also 140, Chicago, 10.

Louie Mateo, 149, Chicago, stopped John Lakin, 174½, Peoria, Illinois, at 2:41 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Illinois State Boxing Commission officials thought so little of Lakin's performance that they ordered his purse held, pending a board hearing.

Troy Townsend, 129, Milwaukee, won a split decision over Floyd Smith, also 129, Chicago, six.

Elvis Parks, 175, Chicago, TKO'd Chuck Warfield, 182, Chicago, at 2:20 of the fourth round in their scheduled six.

Andrew Ruiz, 138, Chicago, and Emilio Sotomayer, 137½, Chicago, drew, six.

Four-rounders: Rosendo Tavio, 127, Havana, Cuba, won a unanimous decision over Lewis Nelton, 139½, Peoria. Sam Alvelo, 141, Chicago, stopped Pete Podgorski, 145, Chicago, at 2:06 of the second.

Referees—Stanley Berg, Nate Morgan.
Judges—Harding McCain, Collins Brown, James DiVito, Mike Glienna.
Timekeeper—Kenny Kinsch.
Ringside Physician—Glenn Bynum, M.D.
Announcer—Ben Bentley.
Promoter—Raul Marquez.
Attendance—253.
(04-15-83)

▲CHICAGO—Americana Congress Hotel—Roosevelt Green, 152½, Chicago, TKO'd Mackie Heimbaugh, 149, Des Moines, Iowa, at 1:55 of the seventh in a slated 10. Green, the Illinois Commission's number one ranked welter, had to go all out to win.

Wayne Lynum, 125½, Chicago, TKO'd outclassed David Smith, 131, Sheffield, Alabama, at 2:10 of the fifth round in a scheduled eight.

Four-rounders: William Clayton, 149, Chicago, made his pro debut by knocking out Stan Cooper, also 149, Chicago, in 1:30 of the first round. Khoren Perzigian, 178½, Chicago, TKO'd Tim Greene, 171½, Des Moines, at 2:57 of the fourth and final session. Jim Finn, 197, Chicago, floored Larry Roberson, 195, Joliet, Illinois, twice enroute to a unanimous decision. Lopez McGee, 155, Nashville, Tenn., won a unanimous decision over Emmanuel Ward, 158½, Chicago.

Referees—Nate Morgan, Al Preslinger.
Judges—Mike Glienna, John Ricci, Gerald Hults, Bill Lerch.
Timekeeper—Al Tremari.
Ringside Physician—Glenn Bynum, M.D.
Announcer—Ben Bentley.
Promoter—Ernie Terrell.
Attendance—372.
(04-18-83)

▲CHICAGO—Americana Congress Hotel—James (Quick) Tillis, 207, Chicago, halted Grady Daniels, 217, Sterling, Illinois, in the scheduled 10-round main event. Daniels soaked up a lot of leather, and was unable to come out for round four.

Jackie Beard, 130, Detroit, won a lopsided unanimous decision over Victor Flores, 131½, Chicago, in the 10-round co-feature.

Louie Mateo, 149½, Chicago, stopped Greg Netter, 151, Columbus, Ohio, at 1:12 of the third round in a scheduled eight.

Four-rounders: Willie Perry, 152½, Springfield, Illinois, made his pro debut by winning a unanimous decision over Gary Jones, 155, Milwaukee. Brian Higgins, 153, Chicago, made it three straight as a pro with a unanimous duke over Adrian Green, 151, Chicago. Jesse Torres, 129, Aurora, Illinois, knocked out Emilio Sotomayer, 132, Chicago, with a picture perfect left hook to the jaw in 0:37 of round three. Billy Hearns, 131½, Detroit, TKO'd woefully inept Orlando Green, 124, Columbus, at 1:08 of the first. Keith Vining, 176, Detroit, won a unanimous duke over Francis Sargent, 175, Peoria. Mike Pryce, 157½, Chicago, floored Dave Hill, 161½, Chicago, twice in the first round enroute to a unanimous decision in his first pro contest. Jesse Hicks, 192, Chicago, won a majority verdict over Gene Dyker, 202, Elmhurst, Illinois.

Referees—Stanley Berg, Brian O'Shea.
Judges—Collins Brown, Harding McCain, Mike Glienna, Al James.
Timekeeper—Al Tremari.
Ringside Physician—Glenn Bynum, M.D.
Ring Announcer—Art Nanzi.
Promoter—Cedric Kushner.
Attendance—259.
(04-25-83)

▲CHICAGO—Bismarck Pavilion—Three 10-rounders headlined.

James (Quick) Tillis, 210½, Chicago, halted Larry Givens, 221, Cincinnati, in 0:52 of the second. Givens' previous Chicago appearances had been in prelims. He was not sharp or experienced enough for Tillis.

Lee Roy Murphy, 191, Chicago, knocked out Benjamin Griffin, 195, of Kansas City, Mo., in 2:58 of the ninth round.

Lionel Johnson, 136, Detroit, won a unanimous decision over Terry Whitaker, 135¼, Chicago. Whitaker was down in rounds three and five.

Duran Stevenson, 140, Chicago, TKO'd Nate Stewart, 139, Springfield, Illinois, in the fifth round of a scheduled six.

Craig Bodzianowski, 203, Grand Park, Illinois, made it five straight with a unanimous verdict over Jesse Hicks, 192, Chicago, six.

Four-rounders: Billy Hearns, 128, Detroit, won a split duke over Lewis Nelton, 129, Peoria. Keith Vining, 175, Detroit, knocked out Willie Jiles, 175, Galesburg, Illinois, in 1:20 of the second. Willie Perry, 154, Springfield, Ill., TKO'd Everett Woody, 152, Milwaukee, who couldn't answer the bell for round three.

Referees—Stanley Berg, Nate Morgan.
Judges—Al Tremari, Bill Lerch, James DiVito, John Ricci.
Timekeeper—Mike Murphy.
Ringside Physician—Glenn Bynum, M.D.
Ring Announcer—Ben Bentley.
Promoter—Cedric Kushner.
Attendance—303.
(05-22-83)

BOB SODERMAN

INDIANA

▲INDIANAPOLIS—Sherwood Club—Mike Essett, 141, Indianapolis, and Rudy Ruentes, 140, Milwaukee, drew, six.

Burgess Scruggs, 159, Indianapolis, outscored Hardy Jones, 155½, South Bend, Indiana, six.

Kenny Jackson, 128, Indianapolis, floored Jerry Franco, 130, Omaha, Nebraska, thrice in round two for an automatic stoppage at 2:30.

Leroy Diggs, 211, Philadelphia, halted Lewis Papen, 201, Grand Island, Nebraska, with a body shot in 1:26 of the second.

Tommie Stevenson, 195, Indianapolis, outpointed Keith Allen, 199, Louisville, six. Stevenson is now 21-2.

Danny Myers, 161, Muncie, Indiana, kayoed Billy Doyle, 150, Omaha, in 1:41 of round two.

Gary Gamble, 135, Indianapolis, stopped James Gulley, 134, Omaha, at 0:38 of the second round.

Mike Mungin, 147, Philadelphia, iced outclassed Kenny Willis, 142½, Indianapolis, in 0:35 of the second.

Promoters—Fred Berns, Marty Waigand, in association with Slim Productions.
Matchmaker—Pete Susens.
Attendance—325 (estimated).
(05-10-83)

▲INDIANAPOLIS—Sherwood Club—Randy Fuentes, 145, Milwaukee, outscored Tony Taylor, 144, Muncie, Indiana, six. Fuentes is becoming a crowd favorite in the Hoosier capitol because of his non-stop boxing style.

Tommie Stevenson, 195, Indianapolis, TKO'd Clarence Osby, 190, Milwaukee, at 1:45 of the second.

Frankie Minton, 163, Indianapolis, kayoed Art Ratliff, also 163, Louisville, in 2:59 of the first round.

Four-time Indiana Golden Gloves champ Andrew Stokes, 214, Anderson, Indiana, made his pro debut with an impressive unanimous decision over Keith Allen, 192, Louisville, four.

Dennis (Bingo) Dickerson, 152, Indianapolis, made his pro debut by outpointing rugged Hardy Jones, 159, South Bend, four.

Danny Myers, 155, Muncie, TKO'd Arthur Shelly, 154, Indianapolis, at 0:57 of the second.

Tim Anderson, 174½, Hammond, Indiana, made his pro debut by outpointing Floyd Saunders, 170, Seymour, Indiana, four.

Mark Wickliff, 223, Indianapolis, iced the rotund David Washington, 201, Indianapolis in 1:58 of the first session.

Promoter—Fred Berns/Slim Productions.
Matchmaker—Pete Susens.
Attendance—284.
(06-14-83)

GARY L. MERRITT

NEVADA

▲LAS VEGAS—Showboat Hotel and Casino—World ranked lightweight Robin Blake did nothing to hurt the consensus that he's ready to challenge Ray (Boom Boom) Mancini for the World Boxing Association championship.

True, J.C. Kim, from West Jordan, Utah, by way of Korea, wasn't the most worthy foe to come Blake's way—no Ruben Munoz is Kim—but the tall Texan took care of business cooly, professionally and, oh yes, quickly. It took all of 80 seconds for the 5'11¾" Blake to run his record to 19-0 with 13 knockouts. The technical knockout came after Blake, 134½, dropped Kim, 133¼, twice, the first time with a left hook to the head and the second a short, straight right to the temple. After the second decking, referee Richard Green had seen quite enough and wisely called a halt to the one-sided match.

Two other fights scheduled for 10 rounds were on the monthly ESPN card promoted by Bob Arum's Top Rank, Inc. In a super bantamweight bout, Lenny Valdez, 122½, Hawthorne, Calif. knocked out Tony Cisneros, 119, Phoenix, at 2:08 of the fifth and in a junior middleweight fight undefeated Mardo Roybal, 154¾, Vallejo, Calif., took a unanimous decision over Mario Tineo, 153¾, Phoenix.

Three rights and a left to the head stopped Cisneros and boosted Valdez' record to 19-1 with 14 knockouts. Roybal had a tougher time upping his record to 14-0 with 11 knockouts. A right to the head put down Roybal in the fourth, but he proved to be stronger than Tineo and rallied in the later rounds for the decision.

And in a six-rounder, junior lightweight Jimmy Jackson upped his record to 10-0-1 with a first-round knockout of Diego Galaz. The young Las Vegan is trained by Jesse Reid, who also trains two world champions, WBA junior lightweight king Roger Mayweather and World Boxing Council super lightweight champ Bruce Curry.
(05-26-83)

▲LAS VEGAS—Showboat Hotel and Casino—It was a matter of Trevor Berbick wanting it less than S.T. Gordon. Or, one could say, it was the fact that Gordon looked less unimpressive than Berbick.

At any rate, Gordon, the World Boxing Council's cruiserweight champion took a 10-round decision over Berbick, the WBC's No. 5 heavyweight, and, for better or worse, probably will crack the top 10 and, thus, qualify for a shot at champion Larry Holmes. Don't worry, Larry.

The verdict was unanimous; Berbick gave the three judges no choice. That's because his choice in the fight—Gordon's first outing as a heavyweight since 1978—was to clutch and grab and hold and clinch and, generally, do anything and everything that will prevent one from winning a bout.

Gordon, on the other hand, did little to distinguish himself. But at least he didn't disgrace himself. He did wade in and throw enough wild, looping combinations to keep Berbick at bay. For whatever the reason, Saturday, May 28, was not Trevor Berbick's shining moment. He didn't fight anything like the man who destroyed former World Boxing Association heavyweight champion John Tate and who soundly beat Greg Page, the WBC's No. 1 contender.

There were, of course, no knockdowns in the sluggish, lackluster bout, and neither fighter was ever in any trouble.

The win is the 13th straight for Gordon, who weighed in at 202, 20 pounds less than Berbick, and ups his record to 24-5 with 21 knockouts. His last loss was in 1978, when he campaigned as a heavyweight.Berbick, who now has lost two in a row, slips to 21-4-1 with 17 knockouts.

Don King Productions put togegher a solid undercard, however, much to the satisfaction of the nearly 2,000 at the Showboat Sports Pavilion. In two other 10 rounders world ranked middleweight James (The Heat) Kinchen, 163, San Diego, stopped Felton Marshall, 163, Los Angeles, by technical knockout in 1:19 of the ninth and world ranked super lightweight Ronnie Shields, 142, Houston, knocked out Fili Ramirez, 142, Los Angeles, at 1:55 of the third.

The win keeps Kinchen undefeated at 29-0-1 while the loss drops Marshall to .500 at 1301305. Shields' record improves to 17-2.

The Gordon-Berbick main event was nationally televised by ABC.

▲LAS VEGAS—Showboat Hotel and Casino—Newly crowned ESPN junior lightweight champion Louie Burke had a tougher time than expected, but remains undefeated after taking a unanimous decision over a game Martin Galvan in their 10-round non-title contest.

The fight was one of four live bouts that followed the Roberto Duran-Davey Moore closed circuit show. More than 2,000 persons packed the Showboat Sports Pavilion for the package offered by Don Chargin Productions.

The 22-year-old Burke, a most popular fighter here, almost surprised them all It took a strong showing in the final four rounds for Burke to pull out the decision and up his record to 15-0.

Galvan, 133¼, Santa Paula, Calif., aided Burke's cause by all but punching himself out after six rounds. But, then, that's understandable—since he jumped all over and stayed on top of Burke from the opening bell.

Although Burke was cut in the upper outside corners near both eyes, he kept putting together short, crisp combinations, and by the end of the ninth Galvan's left eye was swollen shut. There were no knockdowns in the bout.

Two of the three judges' scorecards point out the importance of Burke's rally. Judge Dalby Shirley scored it 97-94 and judge Chuck Minker had it 94-91. Judge Dave Moretti had Burke way ahead at 98-92.

Burke, a student at New Mexico State in Las Cruces, weighed in at 134¾, making this bout a full-fledged lightweight affair.
(06-16-83)

JIM HUNTER

NEW JERSEY

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino—Luis Resto, 147, New York, retained his ESPN welterweight crown with a unanimous decision over Sammy Horne, 143¾, Williamston, South Carolina, 12. Scoring: William Kostrub, 11-1; Tony Perez, 9-3; Thomas Kaczmarek, 9-2-1. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Todd Longmuir, 139, Wantagh, Long Island, New York, TKO'd Randy Mitchell, 141½, Loncolnton, North Carolina, at 0:54 of the eighth and final round. Tony Perez, referee.

Darryl Anthony, 140½, St. Louis, and Roberto Hernandez, 142, Leominster, Mass., drew, eight. Scoring: Kaczmarek, 4-3-1, Anthony: Perez, 5-3, Hernandez; Kostrub, 4-4. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Frank Minton, 161¾, Indianapolis, TKO'd Carlton Brown, 159¼, Charlotte, North Carolina, at 0:33 of the fourth and final round. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Ring Announcer—Mike Buffer.
Promoter—Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.)
Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—500 (est.).
(04-07-83)

▲CHERRY HILL—Cherry Hill Inn—Joe Tete, owner of a string of muscle gyms, made his second foray into boxing with a fine program but at an odd time and place; the show did not draw well.

Charlie (White Lightning) Brown, 136½, North Haledon, New Jersey, TKO'd Mike Brown, 131, South Philly, at 2:12 of round five in a scheduled eight. Joe O'Neill, referee.

Andre Boyer, 140½, Lindenwold, New Jersey, won a narrow but unanimous decision over counterpunching Richard McCain, 139, Nouth Philly, six. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Anthony English, 129, Camden, New Jersey, TKO'd southpaw Tony Butts, 133¾, Philadelphia, at 1:25 of the fifth round in their scheduled six. Duane Bobick, referee.

Clarence Williams, 153, Bethlehem, Pa., won a unanimous decision over Mike Grant, 150, Philadelphia, four. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Ernie Singleton, 217½, Willingboro, N.J., halted Curley Butts, 217, Philly, at 0:50 of the first round in their scheduled four. Duane Bobick, referee.

Judges—John Stewart, Frank Cairo, Wm. Carroza.
Ring Announcer—Johnny Carugno.
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Promoter—Joe Tete. Matchmaker—Ken Hissner.
Attendance—350 (est.). Gross—$5,000 (ext.).
(04-17-83)

▲NEWARK—Symphony Hall—Jimmy Clark, 214, Coatesville, Pa., TKO'd Ishaq Hussein, 218, Miami Beach, at 2:57 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight. Tony Perez, referee.

Gino Perez, 137, Jersey City, won a unanimous decision over Jorge Nina, 137½, Passaic, New Jersey, eight. Paul Venti, referee.

James McGirt, 145¼, Jersey City, TKO'd Tommy Dietz, 152½, New York, at 0:24 of the third round in a scheduled six. Tony Perez, referee.

Kent Clark, 174, Newark, won a unanimous decision over rugged George Lanton, 168½, Haverstraw, New York, four. Paul Venti, referee.

Sugar Hill, 141½, Passaic, N.J., TKO'd Pedro Sanchez, 145 Jersey City, at 1:17 of the first round in their scheduled four. Tony Perez, referee.

Rahim Nashid, 161, Newark, kayoed returning Pete Pennello, 152½, Jersey City, in 0:37 of the first round in another scheduled four. Paul Venti, referee.

Judges—Frances Moore, Paul Cavaliere, Charles Spina.
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Ring Announcer—Rasul Ansari.
Promoter—Murad Muhammad. Matchmaker—Al Certo.
Attendance—300 (est.). Gross—$2,500 (ext.).
(04-21-83)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Playboy Hotel & Casino—After jumping in and out of the boxing business several times, the Playboy is back in. Going from weekend national TVers, which brought in fans but cost too much, to a monthly cable format, which was cheaper but didn't draw, the new management seems to have clicked with the right combination: club style shows featuring the locally popular Montgomery County stable. Promoter Joe Hand stitched over from the Claridge so as to have a larger auditorium as his fighters develop into major matches.

Steve Traitz, 161, Norristown, Pa., halted Michael Herron, 158¼, Cherry Hill, N.J., at 1:50 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Vincent Rainone, referee.

Willie Harris, 157¾, Eagleville, Pa., TKO'd Ed Flannings, 153½, Savannah, Georgin, who did not answer the bell for round six of their scheduled 10. Vincent Rainone, referee.

Joe Thomas, 237½, Trooper, Pa., TKO'd an out-of-shape Dave Starkey, 245½, TRoy, Ohio, at 2:10 of the second in a scheduled eight-rounder refereed by Rainone.

Greg Richardson, 118, Youngstown, Ohio, won a unanimous decision over Francis Childs, 118¼, Pottstown, Pa., eight.

Frank Montgomery, 142½, Philadelphia, won a unanimous decision over Gary Gibson, 141½, Hillcrest Heights, Md., six.

Rich Mendel, 164¼, Havertown, Pa., TKO'd Claude Smith, 166, Philadelphia, with three knockdowns in 1:49 of the first round of a scheduled four.

Guest referee Joey Curtis of Las Vegas worked the last three bouts.

Judges—Charles Spina, Phil Newman, Lawrence Wallace.
Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
Promoter/Matchmaker—Joe Hand.
Attendance—900 (estimated).
(04-24-83)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts International Hotel—Charlie (Choo Choo) Brown, 135¾, Philadelphia, TKO'd Al (Earthquake) Carter, 137, Alliance, Ohio, at 1:39 of the ninth round in the scheduled 10-round main event. Joe Cortez, referee.

Sylvester Kennon, 126, Berkeley, Missouri, knocked out Gino Gelormino, 124¼, Levittown, Long Island, New York, in 2:47 of the fifth round in their scheulled 10. Joe O'Neill, referee.

"Iron" Mike Costello, 170, Bridgeport, Conn., kayoed Jerry (Wimpy) Halstead, 171¼, Branford, Conn., in 2:40 of the second in a scheduled eight-rounder. Joe Cortez, referee.

Jose Vera, 143¾, Havana, Cuba (via Bridgeport), won a narrow but unanimous decision over Cesar Guzman, 141½, Paterson, N.J., six. Joe Cortez, referee.

Mike Perkins, 211, Hallandale, Florida, kayoed Greg Stephany, 213, Brooklyn, in 1:17 of the second round in a scheduled six. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Understanding Allah, 172½, Brooklyn, TKO'd Tony Grillo, 177, Brooklyn, on a cut eye after three rounds of a scheduled four. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Judges—Harold Lederman, Richard R. Murry, John Stewart.
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Ring Announcer—MIke Buffer.
Promoter—Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.)
Matchmaker—Bruce Trampler.
Attendance—8000 (est.).
(05-05-83)

▲HAZLETT TOWNSHIP—Plaza Forum—This second card here was an improvement over the first, but high ticket prices slashed the attendance in half.

Ricky Jefferson, 158, Keyport, New Jersey, TKO'd Mohammad Ghazi, 163, Damascus, Syria, who was not allowed out for round five of their scheduled six-round main event. Ted Pick, referee.

Tim Richardson, 160, Trenton, won a split decision over Tony Demby, also 160, Atlantic City, six. This was first declared a draw, but *Boxing Illustrated* reporter K.O.-J.O. noticed that judge DeVito's 3-3 card gave a points edge to Richardson, and the verdict was reannounced. Vincent Rainone, referee.

Bruce Starling, 160, Elizabeth, N.J. switched portside to win a unanimous decision over southpaw Robert Thomas, 154, Philadelphia, six. Ted Pick, referee.

Pete O'Keefe, 153, Middletown, won a majority decision over popular Jake (The Snake) Reilly, 149, Troy, New York, six. Vincent Rainone, referee.

Frank Mackey, 140, Troy, TKO'd Wally (Tom Tom)Thomas, 142, Trenton, at 2:50 of the first round in a scheduled four. Ted Pick, referee.

Darrell (Kid Chocolate) Mitchell, 146, New York, won a unanimous decision over Ali Muslim (formerly Cliff Lee), 144½, Newark, four. Vincent Rainone, referee.

Dio Garcia, 131, Philadelphia, halted nothing much Piggy Hunt, 134, Richmond, with two knockdowns at 1:34 of the first round in their scheduled four. Ted Pick, referee.

Judges—Al DeVito, Sammy Sangis, Charles Spina.
Timekeeper—Justin Bucanico.
Ring Announcer—Frank Shain.
Promoter—John Gorman (Phytes, Inc.).
Matchmaker—Gary Dietrich.
Attendance—350 (est.). Gross—$4,500 (est.).
(05-06-83)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—Ben Serrano, 159¾, Warminster, Pa., won a majority decision over Bobby Bland, 158, Toronto, 10. Scoring: Ray Hoagland, 5-5; Wm. Kostrub, 6-4; Robert Kimbrough, 6-3-1. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Russell Peltz, lookalike Willie Torres, 171¾, Ponce, P.R., won a majority decision over Marvin Mack, 175, Philly, eight. Ted Pick, referee.

Ricardo Peterson, 217½, Philadelphia, won a unanimous verdict over Mike Welch, 230, Elwood, New Jersey, four. Tel Pick, referee.

Joey Caraballo, 127¾, Bronx, won a unanimous decision over Cesar Castro, 128, Brooklyn, six. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Reggie Boyer, 153¾, Philly, draped Lou Owens, 153, Wilmington, on the ropes for a TKO at 2:38 of the first round in their scheduled four. Ted Pick, referee.

Georgie Navarro, 126¾, Yabucoa, P.R., via Vineland, N.J., won a unanimous call over James Woodhouse, 128¼, Philly, four. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
Promoter/Matchmaker—Don Elbaum, Ted Menas.
Attendance—1,400 (estimated).
(05-17-83)

▲HAMMONTON—Kerri Brooke Caterers—The Deborah Hospital Fund show, once a Philadelphia tradition that drew thousands to the Arena and Spectrum until the death of matchmaker Jack Puggy, was revived on a mini-scale here with a good club card.

Long inactive Earnest Jackson, 151, Philadelphia, knocked out Jorge Nina, 144½, Passaic, with a wicked left hook to the ribs in 2:44 of the sixth round in the scheduled 10-round main event. Jackson was a last minute sub for Sanford Ricks, Rudy Battle, referee.

Larry McKeever, 135, Pearl River, New York, won a unanimous decision over Robert Johnson, 134½, Vineland, six. Rudy Battle, referee.

Southpaw Dave Harris, 187, Huntington, Long Island, knocked out John White, 179, Philly, with a left hook to the body in 1:21 of the first round in a scheduled four. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Mike Mobley, 157, Philadelphia, won a unanimous decision over Mike Grant, 155, Philly, four. Rudy Battle, referee.

Jocko King, 127, Philadelphia, stopped Bill Strigaro, 126, Glen Cove, Long Island, at 2:43 of the first round in their scheduled four. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Judges—Robert Kimbrough, Art Spell, Frank Cairo.
Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
Promoter—Bob DiMarchi (Ringside Productions).
Matchmaker—Gene Moore.
Attendance—250. Gross—$7,500 (est.).
(06-03-83)

J.R. JOWETT

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino —Duane Thomas won the vacant USBA junior middleweight title with an eighth round TKO over washed-up Nino Gonzalez in a scheduled 12. The belt became vacant when former champ Gary Guiden decided to campaign as a full-fledged middleweight following his loss to Davey Moore.

Thomas, 152, controlled the one-sided match from the opening bell, popping Gonzalez with jabs and occasional rights to the head. Nino was the aggressor throughout, but he failed to get off, allowing Thomas to continually beat him to the punch.

A small cut appeared over Thomas' left eye in the seventh, prompting Duane to pick up the rather pedestrian pace. His only other loss to date had come on a cut eye TKO to Buster Drayton in a fight that Thomas had been winning on all scorecards. He made certain the same thing didn't happen again.

Thomas continued to pound Gonzalez, 150¾, Bayonne, N.J., in the next round, mixing in hooks and crosses to the head. Finally, a barrage of shots dumped Nino for a mandatory eight-count. Then, as soon as hostilities resumed, another flurry bounced Gonzalez off the turnbuckle and referee Vincent Rainone called a halt at the 2:34 mark. Nino was finished and offered no protest.

The win lifted Thomas' record to 19-1 with 13 kayoes. Gonzalez, who announced his retirement after the fight, dropped to 28-5, with 11 kayoes. At his bet, he was a gutsy club fighter who will be remembered for his gallant, but losing, effort against Roberto Duran in 1981.

Philadelphia slugger Calvin (Pop) Porter, 149, scored a hard fought TKO over Larry Byrd, 146¾, Miami, at 2:13 of the seventh round in the scheduled 10-round semi-final. Porter hurt his left hand in the second, but still had enough fire-power left to grind Byrd down, finally stopping him with a volley of head shots. Byrd fought back well at times, but ultimately couldn't keep pace with Porter, who upped his log to 11-1 with nine kayoes. Byrd slipped to 13-4 with 11 kayoes. Referee, Rudy Battle.

In another scheduled 10, undefeated Robert Hines, 147¼, Philadelphia, scored a TKO over Eddie Campbell, 146¼, New York, at 2:07 of the third. Campbell was completely outclassed by Hines, who raised his record to 13-0 with nine stoppages. He is ready for bigger game.

In the best action of the night, Jimmy (Shotgun) Muse, 146, Phila., won a six-round split decision over Pinky (Six Gun) Gordon, 150¼, Wilmington, Delaware. This was a free-swinging brawl that could have been scored either way. Both men gave everything they had and were rewarded by a prolonged ovation

at the sound of the final bell. Referee, Battle.

Randy Coleman, 163, Phila., won a split decision over Fred McMunn, 160¼, Bayville, N.J., in another six. Referee, Rainone.

Vincent Pazienza, 137¾, scored a TKO over Chino Rivera, 138, Trenton, at 2:09 of the fourth and final round Referee Rainone could have stopped this one earlier, but for reasons best known to himself, he permitted Rivera to take prolonged punishment before stepping in.

Tyrone Trice, 140½, Milwaukee, won a unanimous decision over Rodney Moore 138¼, Phila., four. Referee, Rainone.

Sal Cenicola, 130¼, Paterson, N.J., TKO'd southpaw Frank Wade, 138¼, Trenton, at 1:21 of the second in another scheduled four. Referee, Battle.

Judges—Tommy Kaczmarek, Frank Brunette, John Stewart.

Main Event Productions, Inc.

(05-26-83)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Playboy Hotel Casino—Undefeated heavyweight prospect Joe Thomas, 236¼, Phoenixville, Pa., enjoyed a light workout (very light, in fact) at the expense of cronic loser Claman Sandman) Parker, 196, Casar, N.C., scoring a TKO at 2:28 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Referee Zack Clayton terminated the mismatch with Parker under heavy fire and looking for a place to hide. The win lifted Thomas' pro record to 12-0 with 11 kayoes.

Willie (The Rock) Harris, 152, Eagleville, Pa., had to work all the way to win a unanimous decision over Derrick Doughty, 155, Columbia, S.C., eight. Doughty tried, but lacked the firepower to keep pace with the unbeaten Harris, who raised h log to 12-0 with nine kayoes. Referee, Joe O'Neill.

Dawud Shaw, 173¼, Chester, Pa., iced previously unbeaten Najee Ullah, 176, New York, with a single right to the chin. Ullah went down hard, cracking his head on the ring apron, where referee Clayton counted him out at 1:03 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Shaw upped his record to 10-1 with three kayoes, while Ullah dropped to 5-1 with five kayoes.

Stan Butler, 218, Albuquerque, New Mexico, won a unanimous decision over Roger Troupe, 213, Buffalo, New York, eight. Referee, O'Neill.

Marlon Palmer, 149, Pottstown, Pa., TKO'd Rodney (Pee Wee) McConnell, 145, Philadelphia, at 2:15 of the first round in a scheduled four. Both men were trading hard shots when Palmer hurt McConnell with a right, prompting referee O'Neill to step in.

Judges—Charlie Spina, Phil Newman, Larry Wallace.

Joe Hand Promotions.

(05-29-83)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts International—Philadelphia lightweight Tyrone (Butterfly) Crawley, 135¼, scored a unanimous decision over Edwin Curet, 132½, Brockton, Mass., over 10 lackluster rounds. Crawley, once considered one of the brightest prospects in the country, failed to live up to expectations. Although he won practically every round from his hapless opponent, Tyrone was much too tentative.

The official scores were 9-1, 8-1-1, and 8-2—all in favor of Crawley, who raised his pro record to 12-1 (three kayoes). Curet lost for the first time and is now 14-1-1 (eight kayoes). Despite a glossy looking record, Curet fought like a complete novice. Referee, Joe Cortez.

Mark McPherson, 157½, Lakeview, N.Y. won a drab decision over Hector Rosario, 159, New York, eight. McPherson won by scores of 6-2 and 7-1 (twice) to bring his record to 12-1 (six kayoes). Mark needs stronger opposition than this to develop. Referee, Larry Hazzard.

In another eight, Danny Avery, 132, Brockton, scored a majority decision over Terrence Ali, 134¼, Brooklyn. Ali started well, but faded down the stretch, allowing southpaw Avery to cop the nod. Referee, Cortez.

In a war, Hilton Cohen, 145¼, was lucky to receive a four-round draw with Chris Mazzola, 144¾, Staten Island. Both men traded blows the entire way and both suffered eye cuts. Mazzola finished the stronger to take *The Ring* scorecard, but had to settle for a stalemate. Rematch, please. Referee, Hazzard.

Sylvester (Monk) Conners, 148, Summerville, S.C., came off the floor to win a unanimous decision over Jeff (Nevada) Smith, 149½, Uniondale, N.Y., in a hard-fought four. Referee, Cortez.

The card was televised live over the ESPN cable.

Judges—John Stewart, Bill Kostrub, Tommy Kaczmarek.

Top Rank, Inc.

(06-02-83)

▲ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts International—Junior middleweight Buster Drayton, fresh from as upset knockout over Clint Jackson, struggled to a split 10-round decision over Patricio Diaz. Drayton spent too much time looking for a knockout punch and allowed the crafty Argentine to steal enough points to make it very close. The decision was booed by the crowd, but seemed fair.

Diaz, 154½, is both the Latin American and Argentine 154-pound champ. He also came into the match rated 10 by the WBA, and proved to be a slick, counter punching vetaran of some merit. Drayton, 153½, Philadelphia, had to go all out in the last round to squeak home the winner. Judges William Kostrub and John Stewart voted for Drayton, 6-4 and 5-4-1, respectively, while judge Larry Wallace went for Diaz, 5-4-1. *The Ring* agreed with Stewart.

In the scheduled eight-round semi-final, Danny (Thunderhand) Chapman, 157, Troy, N.Y., upset previously unbeaten Monte Oswald, 155¾, Bay City, Michigan, scoring a TKO at 0:59 of the seventh.

Chapman had a field day, slamming both fists into Oswald's face and body from the onset. Oswald went down twice in the second from rights to the head and once in the sixth from a left hook to the gut. The battering continued until a cut over Monte's right eye finally forced a stoppage. The loser dropped to 9-1 (eight kayoes), while Chapman raised his log to 11-8 with three kayoes. It was another example of a spoon-fed prospect falling prey to a rugged club fighter who has never been babied.

Charlie Boston, 153½, Trenton, N.J., scored a TKO over Hector Jaiman, 153½, Cambridge, Mass., as 2:57 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Boston was in trouble when he suddenly turned the tables on Jaiman with a flurry of head shots that forced a stoppage. The winner upped his log to 6-0 (four kayoes), while the loser fell to 3-1-1 (two kayoes).

Glenn Smith, 146¼, Bay City, won a unanimous decision over James Lucas, 145¾, Brockton, Mass., six.

In the evening's comedy spot, Johnny (Sheetrock) Owens, 249, Phila.,brawled his way to a unanimous four-round decision over Lee (The Giant Killer) Smith, 215, Lynchburg, Virginia. Owens dropped Smith with a right to the head in the first, but Lee staggered up and battled on even terms for the rest of the bout. Both men sported more blubber than muscle, but they fought their hearts out.

Greg Brooks, 134½, New York, drew with Dwayne (Rasheed Ali) Hunt, 137, New York, four.

In the walkout, Alex Fernandez, 136, Grand Rapids, Michigan, looked very lucky to receive a majority decision over Cedric (Nighttrain) Dotson, 133¾, Youngstown, Ohio, four.

The card was televised live over the ESPN cable.

Vincent Rainone refereed the main event, Boston-Jaiman, and Owens-Smith. Joe O'Neill worked Chapman-Oswald, Smith-Lucas, Fernandez-Dotson, and Brooks-Hunt.

Top Rank, Inc.

(06-09-83)

ATLANTIC CITY—Playboy Hotel Casino—Mike Rossman continued his comeback, scoring a TKO over Al Fracker at 1:37 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Fracker, an Army lieutenant with the 82nd Airborn, was just what the doctor ordered—a willing target. Although he possessed neither the skills or punching power to cause Rossman any problems, Al had more than enough guts to provide the former WBA light heavyweight champ with a brisk workout.

Fracker is a bleeder, and his face started to come apart in the opening round as Rossman's jabs opened a cut over Al's left eye. In the second, Mike dropped Fracker with a pair of rights, followed by a left hook. He beat the count, gritted his teeth, and waded into Rossman. They exchanged shots for the remainder of the round, but when the bell sounded, Fracker was also bleeding from the nose and a cut under his right eye.

The slaughter continued over the next four rounds until a right-left combo dumped Fracker again. Although Al beat the count again and was still full of fight, he was a horrible mess and referee Zack Clayton wisely called a halt. Poor Al looked like a grenade had exploded in his face.

Rossman, from nearby Turnersville, N.J., raised his record to 42-7-3 (26 kayoes), while Fracker dropped to 12-3 (four kayoes). Both men weighed an even 177.

Rossman said he was "satisfied" with his progress and would be looking for a title shot after five or six more wins. With the 175-pound division in such a depleted state, he could very well get his wish.

In a much more competitive match, Charlie (Choo Choo) Brown, 133½, won a unanimous decision over wiley veteran Jerome Artis, 132, by scores of 5-4-1 and 7-3 (twice).

This was a neighborhood (North Philly) rivalry. Brown had been Artis' sparring partner back in the days when Jerome was considered a prospect and had suffered more than a few indignities during their gym wars. But then was then, and now is now. Brown is currently the rising star, while Artis has been relegated to the role of journeyman. Both warriors got up for this one and battled tooth-and-nail all the way.

Brown, a very dangerous puncher, dropped Artis twice in the second with hard rights to the face. Jerome survived and fought back well until a left hook to the body floored him again in the seventh. Down the stretch, it was nip-and-tuck. Brown had the power, but Artis stole points with tricky boxing and sneak punches out of his switch-hitting stance. At the final bell, it was Choo Choo who was fading. Nevertheless, the decision was quite correct and pushed Brown's log to 20-2-1 (14 kayoes). Artis is now around 27-17-4 (nine Kayoes). Referee, Frank Cappuccino.

Undefeated Calvin Grove, 128¼, Pottstown, Pa., scored a unanimous decision over tough Santos Cruz, 125¾, New York over eight spirited rounds, upping his record to 10-0 with five kayoes. Referee, Cappuccino.

Tony Thornton, 158¼, Glassboro, N.J., TKO'd Steve Watters, 158, Phila., at 0:20 of the first round in a scheduled four. A left hook to the *elbow* put Watters over shortly after the opening bell. Although he beat the count, Tony staggered around the ring and referee Clayton terminated the farce.

Art Crandall, 131¾, Vineland, N.J., TKO'd Hector Rios, 128¾, Phila., in two. Referee, Cappuccino.

Hugh Kearney, 146, Phila., TKO'd Jimmy Wroten, 148, Phila., at 2:28 of the fourth and final round. Referee, Clayton.

The card was televised live over the PRISM cable network.

Judges—Harold Lederman, John Stewart, Tommy Kaczmarek.

Peltz Poxing Promotions, Inc.

(06-15-83)

NIGEL COLLINS

NEW YORK

▲NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—Tyrone Jackson, 127, Harlem, New York, won a split decision over Victor Acosta, 129, Carolina, Puerto Rico, 10. Scoring: judge Robert Bartels, 6-3-1, Acosta; judge Leo Dazzo, 5-4-1, Jackson; judge Mike Dowd, 6-3-1, Jackson. Harold Valan, referee. Jackson is now 15-0 with 11 kayoes. Acosta is 12-4-1 with five knockouts.

Allen Braswell, 140½, Brooklyn, TKO'd Sergio Bautista, Dominican Republic, 141, at 0:58 of the ninth round in their scheduled 10. Joe Santarpia, referee. Braswell is now 13-3-1 with nine kayoes. Bautista is 9-4-1 with four knockouts.

Juan Ramon (Bambino) Cruz, 133, New York, TKO'd Stan McDougal, 132½, Philadelphia, at 1:39 of the second in a scheduled eight-rounder. Oscar Perez, referee.

Jose Fuentes, 149, Jersey City, and Al Santana, New York, drew, eight. Scoring: judges Bartels and Dazzo, both 3-3; judge Dowd, 4-1-1, Santana. Joe Santarpia, referee.

Emmett Decker, 140, New York, won a unanimous (all cards 3-1) decision over Edgar Brito, 139, San Juan, P.R., four. Harold Valan, referee.

Elijah Muhammad, 127, Newark, won a split decision over Ramon Peluyera, 125, Caguas, P.R., four. Scoring: judge Bartels, 3-1 (4-1 in points), Muhammed; judge Dazzo, 3-1 (4-1), Peluyera; judge Dowd, 3-0-1 (4-0), Muhammad. Peluyera was down through the ropes in round two. Nick Drake, referee.

Ricky Young, 140, New York, won a majority decision over D.J. Turner, 141, Baltimore, Md., four. Scoring: judge Bartels, 2-2; judge Dazzo, 3-1; judge Dowd, 4-0. Oscar Perez, referee.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

(05-27-83)

▲NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—Floyd Mayweather, 150, Grand Rapids, Michigan, scored an upset TKO over Jose (The Threat) Baret, also 150, Dominican Republic, at 2:48 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10.

Floyd was just too cute for Jose, who was coming off a big fourth round kayo loss to the world ranked Marlon Starling on national TV. By the second round, the veteran Mayweather had Baret backed up, intimidated and bewildered. The rest of the fight saw Floyd batter Jose in a corner and adeptly cover up whenever Baret managed to mount any sort of counter attack. Jose, who'd seen his ego (built up by a series of kayoes over stiffs and setups in Felt Forum programs) punctured by Starling, was totally ineffective, and is probably finished as a fighter. His record is now 17-2 with 15 kayoes. Mayweather upped his log to 26-3-1 with 16 knockouts. Paul Venti, referee.

Dwight (Tiger) Walker, 160, Newark, New Jersey, won a unanimous decision over Wilbur Henderson, 161, Hartford, Conn., 10. Scoring: judge Tony Castellano, 8-2; judge Peter Heller, 7-2-1 (8-1 in points, since he gave Walker an additional point in round four); judge Simon Ramos, 7-3. Herb Kronowitz, referee.

Phil Capobianco, 175½, Huntington, Long Island, New York, won a unanimous decision over Understanding Allah, 173½, New York, eight. Scoring: judges Castellano and Ramos, both 8-0 (11-0); judge Heller, 7-1 (9-1). Paul Venti, referee.

Shell Davis, 148, New York, won a split decision over John Valentine, also 148, Puerto Rico, four. Scoring: judges Castellano and Ramos, both 2-1-1, Davis; judge Heller, 3-1, Valentine. Al LoBianco, referee.

Andy (The Cat) Schott, 160, New York, TKO'd Arthur Hicks, 156½, New York, at 2:46 of round one in their scheduled four. Herb Kronowitz, referee.

Santos Vilella, 138, New York, TKO'd D.J. Turner, 140, New York, at 0:39 of the first round in another scheduled four. Al LoBianco, referee.

Richard Brent, 164, New York, won a unanimous (4-0 on all cards) decision over southpaw Robert Thomas, 160, Philadelphia, in the four-round opener. Al LoBianco, referee.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

(06-10-83)

▲NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—Billy Parks, 140, New Orleans, won a deserved split decision over Allen Braswell, 141½, Brooklyn, 10. Scoring: judge Bernie Friedkin, 7-3, Parks; judge Ted Wint, 6-4, Parks; judge Harold Lederman, 6-4, Braswell. Johnny Colan, referee.

The cocky Braswell has a habit of losing his gumshield, and Parks knocked his mouthpiece out in almost every round. The two boxers looked so much alike—both so skinny they looked like flamingos—that it was almost like watching a man shadow boxing in a mirror. The only difference was the blood on Braswell's face. Parks is now 23-2-4 with 14 kayoes. Braswell is 13-4-1 with nine knockouts.

Albert Mercado, 121, Cayey, Puerto Rico, TKO'd Felix Marquez, 116½, Hamden, Connecticut, at 2:31 of the sixth round in their scheduled 10. Larry Hazzard, referee.

Pete Padilla, 139½, Bronx, won a hotly disputed unanimous decision over Louie (The Syrian) Hubela, 140, Brooklyn, 10. Scoring: judge Friedkin, 6-4; judges Lederman and Wint, 7-3. Luis Rivera, referee. Hubela messed up Pete's face, but Padilla seemed to land more punches. In any case, Hubela was not pleased.

Elijah Muhammad, 125, Newark, New Jersey, won a unanimous decision over Ewart Chance, 123½, New York, six. Scoring: judges Lederman and Wint, 4-2; judge Friedkin, 6-0. Luis Rivera, referee.

Julio Julio, 143, Brooklyn, won a unanimous (4-0 on all cards) verdict over Emmett Decker, 138½, White Plains, New York, four. Johnny Colan, referee.

Harold Williams, 176, Harlem, TKO'd Ron Altaro, 175, New York, in their scheduled four. Ringside Physician Frank Marino stopped the bout between the first and second rounds due to a gash on Altaro's eyelid. Larry Hazzard, referee. Williams also bled profusely from the nose.

Jakey Williams, 166, New York, TKO'd Miguel Machado, 161, Brooklyn, at 2:57 of the first round with two knockdowns. This scheduled four-rounder was the walk-out bout. Luis Rivera, referee.

A scheduled six-rounder between Arthur Anthony Holt, 162, Brooklyn, and Lee Saxby, 160, Harlem, was cancelled.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

(06-24-83)

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

OREGON

▲PORTLAND—Marriott Hotel—Scott LeDoux won a unanimous decision over Ken Arlt, 225, Portland, 10.

Delbert Williams, 160, Portland, won a split duke over Freddie Ealom, 164, San Francisco, eight.

Donnie Fosmire, 124, Portland, won a unanimous verdict over Phil (Pepper) Watford, also 124, San Diego, six.

Willie Montana, 130, won a unanimous decision over Brian Tinker, 128, six. Tinker, who brought enormous heart to Portland fights for two years, announced his retirement after this contest.

Mike Butler, 206, San Francisco, won a split duke over Tony (The Italian Bear) Gallo, 250, four. Gallo was coming off a two-year lay-off.

Referees—Jim Cassidy, Bill Thornberg.

Judges—Ben Laford, Paul Weitzel, George Robinson.

Promoter—Dolores McNally.

Attendance—1,598. Gross—$15,190.

(04-07-83)

▲PORTLAND—Marriott Hotel—Roberto Juarez, 140, Los Angeles, won a unanimous verdict over Davey Montana, also

140, 10. Montana was a two-days'-notice sub for Pat Jefferson.

Guy Villegas, 130, Eugene, Oregon, TKO'd Danny (Chino) Cruz, also 130, Los Angeles, at 2:10 of the seventh in their scheduled 10. Cruz was subbing for Jose (El Indio) Resendez on six hours' notice.

Donnie Fosmire, 125, kayoed Arturo Diaz, in 0:30 of the first round.

Delbert (Mean) Williams, 158, halted Lamont Santana, 156, Seattle, at 0:30 of the fifth round in a scheduled eight. Santana's nose was broken.

Noe Ramirez, 156, Seattle, won a majority nod over Macadoo Wheaton, 154, Seattle, six, in the Fight of the Night.

Referees—Jim Cassidy, Bill Thornberg.

Judges—Paul Weitzel, Ben Laford, George Robinson.

Promoter—Dolores McNally/Sports Attractions.

Attendance—915.

(05-05-83)

▲**EUGENE—Lane County Fairgrounds—**The wildly flamboyant southpaw style of Northwest welterweight champion Francisco Roche of Seattle was absent in this defense of his belt against classy Pat Jefferson, 144, whose only pro losses had been to Tyrone Crawley and Johnny Bumphus. Most experts figured Jefferson to outpoint the awkward but gutsy Roche. Total bewilderment beset Roche watchers who saw him outbox Jefferson at his own game in a technical counterpunchers' mind duel over 12 highly competitive rounds. A unanimous decision for Roche.

Guy Villegas, 129, Eugene won the vacant Northwest junior lightweight title with a unanimous decision over wily veteran J.T. Walker, 130, San Francisco, 12. The title had been stripped from Louie Loy for failure to defend.

1981 U.S. Amateur Boxing Federation National light heavyweight champion Alex DeLucia, 182, Portland, won a unanimous decision over Don (Cobra) Rutledge, 187, Hamilton, Montana, six.

Delbert (Mean) Williams, 160, Portland, left hooked Eugene's Tim Felty into the crocodile zone at 2:30 of the first round in a scheduled six. A TKO for Williams.

Referees—Buzz Buzalsky, Ken Larson, Phil Moyer.

Judges—Jack Batchelor, Lloyd Davis, Don Thompson.

Matchmaker—Rich Danner.

"S" Promotions.

Attendance—956.

(06-02-83)

KATHERINE DUNN

PENNSYLVANIA

▲**LANCASTER—Americana Host Farms—**Johnny Bumphus, 139, Clementon, New Jersey, retained his USBA junior welterweight crown by knocking out Michael Bradley, 139½, Columbus, Ohio, in 2:37 of the sixth round in a scheduled 12. A right lead in round two dropped Bumphus for the first time in his career—amateur of pro. Bradley was floored once in the first, twice in the fourth, twice more in the fifth, and one last time—for the count along the ropes—in the sixth session. Hank Cisco, referee.

Referee Tony Wolfe declared Jose Fuentes, 148, Jersey City, a TKO winner over Sidney Gantz, 147¼, Lancaster, who retired at 0:50 of the second round in a scheduled six. Commissioner Francis Walker reversed the call, however, when the TV tape revealed there had been a thumb. It goes into the books as a technical draw.

James (Bonecrusher) Smith, 231¼, Magnolia, North Carolina, TKO'd Nate Robinson, 205¾, Hollywood, Florida, at 1:35 of the second in a scheduled eight. Robinson was floored once. Tony Wolfe, referee.

Frankie Randall, 138½, Morristown, Tenn., stopped nothing much Frank Mackey, 142, Troy, New York, who was floored and quit at 0:50 of the second in a scheduled six. Tony Wolfe, referee.

Don Nisivoccia, 116, Newark, floored Joe Arduini, 118¼, Rensellaer, New York, in the second, third, fourth (twice), and fifth rounds for a TKO at 1:35 of the latter in a scheduled six. Hank Cisco, referee.

Tyros Levi Jones, 158¾, an Australian now living in Philly, and Kevin Daigle, 156, Granville, New York, drew, four. Hank Cisco, ref.

Judges—Adalaide Tyndale, Paul Battle.

Timekeeper—Tommy Malandro.

Ring Announcer—Hank Krospinski.

Promoter—Dan Duva (Main Events).

Matchmaker—Dino Duva.

Attendance—1,200 (est.). Gross—$15,000 (est.).

(04-02-83)

▲**PHILADELPHIA—Golden Eagle—**Southpaw John (Big Smoke) Lindsay, 167, North Philly, won a unanimous decision over Fred McMunn, 160, Kensington, eight. Fred split his trunks in the first round. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Pee Wee McConnell, 145, Philadelphia, TKO'd Ricky Stinnie, 144, Charlottesville, Virginia, at 0:20 of the third round in a scheduled six. Joe O'Neil, ref. Stinnie quit, claiming a shoulder separation.

Kerry Judge, 209¾, Bristol, Pa., TKO'd Frankie Vann, 195, Bridgeport, Ohio, at 2:08 of the second in their scheduled six. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Robert Jackson, 153½, Hampton, Virginia, won a unanimous decision over Mike Grant, 155, Philadelphia, six. Joe O'Neil, ref.

Junie Nash, 147½, Frankford, won a unanimous verdict over Lou Owens, 151½, Wilmington, Delaware, four. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Gregg Edelman, 138, Merchanville, New Jersey, made his pro debut by halting Will Rankin, 140, Roanoke, Virginia, at 1:43 of the third round in a scheduled four. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

"Smokin' Joe" Frazier, Jr., 137½, North Philly, stopped Stan McDougall, 140, North Philadelphia, at 2:34 of the second in their scheduled four. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Judges—Carol Polis, Bob LaGuardia.

Timekeeper—Charles Cunningham.

Ring Announcer—Hank Kropinski.

Promoter—Joe Verne. Matchmaker—Billy DeMarco.

Attendance—1,400 (SRO). Gross—$12,000 (est.). (04-28-83)

▲**PHILADELPHIA—Golden Eagle—**Unheralded Bruce Williams, 139, Philadelphia, won a unanimous decision over archetypal club fighter Sammy Young, 142½, Albany, eight. Williams was decked in the third. Charlie Sgrillo, referee.

Kerry Judge, 206, Bristol, Pa., won a split duke over Lee Smith, 220, Lynchburg, six.

Jerome Johnson, 156, Jackson, New Jersey, won a split call over Dynamite Joe Bradford, 153, Germantown, Pa., six.

Gregg Edelman, 139, Merchanville, N.J., TKO'd pathetic Thomas Scott, also 139, Philly, at 1:32 of the second in a scheduled four.

Glen Costales, 140, Willingboro, N.J., kayoed stiff John Cook, 141, Germantown, in 1:41 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Doug Davis, 147½, North Philly, TKO'd Charles Booker, 139, North Philadelphia, at 1:13 of the first in a scheduled four.

Sgrillo refereed Judge-Smith and Costales-Cook. Bob Polis worked the others.

Judges—Lynn Carter, Joe Sweeney.

Timekeeper—Charles Cunningham.

Ring Announcer—Hank Kropinski.

Promoter—Joe Verne. Matchmaker—Billy DeMarco.

Attendance—350 (est.). Gross—$3,500 (est.).

(05-26-83)

▲**PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon Auditorium—**Baby Kid Chocolate, 125, launched a comeback with a unanimous decision over local upstart Alfonso Mitchell, 126, eight. Hank Cisco, referee.

Nasir Ali, 163¾, Germantown, belted out a wildly awkward Greg Billups, 162½, North Philly, who laid down for the count in 1:02 of the second in a scheduled six. Hank Cisco, referee.

Luis Diaz, 124, North Philadelphia, won a unanimous decision over Angelo Talley, 120, Germantown, four. Hank Cisco, referee.

Jesse Ferguson, 205, North Philly, kayoed Eddie Cowart, 200, Philadelphia, in 2:41 of the third round in their scheduled four. Ozzie Sadler, referee.

Tommy Barnes, 125, North Philly, knocked out fellow southpaw Blaine Garner, 125½, Reading, in 0:28 of the fourth and final round. Ozzie Sadler, referee.

Judges—Al Morris, Tommy Cross.

Timekeeper—J.P. Mina.

Ring Announcer—Frank Talent.

Promoter/Matchmaker—Harold Moore (MWM Promotions).

Attendance—500. Gross—$4,000 (est.).

(05-25-83)

▲**WESTMINSTER—Johnsville Naval Air Center—**This suburban Philadelphia community, which has supported amateur boxing for years, finally broke into the pro game with a well received card for naval charities.

Marciano Bernardi, 162, Adjuntas, Puerto Rico via Paterson, New Jersey, came off the canvas in the first round to stop local hero Ben Serrano, 157. Ben's left optic was closed by Marciano's combos, and Serrano was not permitted out for the sixth round of the scheduled 10. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Rich McCain, 139, Philly, TKO'd Garland Wright, 138¼, Scranton, at 1:07 of the second in a scheduled eight. Charlie Sgrillo, referee.

Earnest Jackson, 152¾, Philadelphia, stopped the nothing much Al Wilson, 158, Philly, without a knockdown at 0:56 of the first round in a scheduled six. Charlie Sgrillo, referee.

Four-rounders: David Barrow, 161, Philadelphia, and Kermit Williams, 164¾, Philly, drew. Juan Marquez, 136, Rio Piedras, P.R., made his pro debut with a spectacular two-knockdown TKO over gutsy Joe Newton, 130, Philly, at 2:54 of the first round. Tom Mazzeo, 147, Bensalem, Pa., made his pro debut with a unanimous decision over Ken Jackson, 146½, Philadelphia. Debuting Joe Morrone, 173¾, Glenside, Pa., halted Kevin Bongard, 168½, Bensalem, at 0:37 of a second. Ken Dixon, 135, Philadelphia, TKO'd Jack Moore, 136¾, Philly, at 0:29 of the fourth and final round. Charlie Sgrillo refereed the first two contests, while Frank Cappuccino worked the others.

Judges—John Stewart, Bob LaGuardia.

Timekeeper—J.P. Mina.

Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.

Promoter/Matchmaker—Joe Hand.

Attendance—1,200. Gross—$18,000 (est.).

(06-10-83)

J.R. JOWETT

CANADA

ONTARIO

▲**TORONTO—C.N.E. Coliseum—**Davey Lee Armstrong, 135, Detroit, won a majority decision over Nick Furlano, also 135, Toronto, 12. The official scores were 55-54, 58-56, and 56-56.

Conroy Nelson, 213½, Ottawa, won a unanimous (49-41, 47-45, 49-45) decision over Chuck Findlay, 223½, Toronto, 10. Harry Davis, referee.

Eddie Melo, 171½, Toronto, halted former Canadian and Commonwealth champion Gary Summerhays, 172, Brantford, at 2:40 of the seventh round in a scheduled eight. Ed Gaudet, referee. Summerhays later announced his retirement.

LeRoy Pink, 144, Toronto, won a unanimous decision over Sugar Marsh, 146, Toronto, eight, for the Provincial welterweight title.

Ray Henderson, 173, Toronto, won a split duke over West Rowe, 178½, Brantford, six.

Shane Allison, 149, Toronto, halted Bobby Buscombe, 147½, Brantford, at 0:36 of the second in their scheduled six-rounder.

Referees—Harry Davis, Sammy Luftspring, Ed Gaudet, Fern Chretien, Lionel Sullivan.

Judges—Jackie Silvers, Chuck Williams, Bernie Cormier, Dave Mann, Ray Hipolito.

Timekeepers—Arnold Paris, Frank Shillolo.

Ring Announcer—Tony Unitas.

Ringside Physicians—B. Stewart, A. Murray, J. Greenberg.

Attendance—3,000 (estimated).

(06-09-83)

FRANK ALLNUTT

MEXICO

BAJA CALIFORNIA

▲**TIJUANA—**Felipe Vaca, 147, and Leonardo (China) Benitez, 148, drew, 12, Vaca retaining his Mexican welterweight title. Gilberto Roman kayoed Baldo Gonzalez, 114, in four.

(02-14-83)

▲**ENSENADA—**Julio Cesar Chavez, 135, kayoed Othoniel Lopez, 136, in four. Guary Beltran, 124, and Bobby Dominguez, also 124, drew, 10.

(02-25-83)

▲**TIJUANA—**Marcos Geraldo, 175, knocked out Abraham (Yaqui) Meneses, 174, in one. Ramon Marchena, 159, iced Javier Amarillas, 160, in the first.

(02-28-83)

▲**MEXICALI—**Promising Gilberto Roman, 115, TKO'd Elid (Jimmy) Fernandez, also 115, in seven. Andres Felix, 124, outpointed Daniel Montejano, 123, 10. Adan Uribe, 124, outscored Carlos Alcibar, also 124, 10.

(03-06-83)

▲**TIJUANA—**Lorenzo (Yaqui) Benitez, 175, won the vacant Mexican light heavyweight crown by knocking out Manuel Romo, 176. Julio Cesar Chavez, 135, halted Ernesto Herrera, 135, in two. Miguel Molina, 134, outpointed Martin Cardenas, also 134, 10.

(04-04-83)

▲**MEXICALI—**Gilberto Roman, 117, TKO'd Jose (Duende) Salas, also 117, in three.

(04-15-83)

▲**ENSENADA—**Jesse Lara, 125, TKO'd Manuel (Topo Gigio) Vasquez, also 125, in five. Martin Garibay, 147, TKO'd Ruben Rascon, 149, in six. Changa Marquez, 117, TKO'd Elias Rodriguez, 119, in one.. Ubaldo Navarro, 119, TKO'd Regis Rodriguez, also 119, in three.

(04-28-83)

CHIAPAS

▲**VILLAFLORES—**Elpidio Infante, 126, stopped Guillermo (Lobo) Morales, also 126, in five.

(02-19-83)

▲**TUXTLA GUTIERREZ—**Jose Duarte, 157, stopped Abel Cordoba, 160, in five.

(02-27-83)

▲**TUXTLA GUTIERREZ—**Abraham Barrientos, 119, outscored Miro Rosales, 118, 10.

▲**TAPACHULA—**Aaron Garcia, 112, and Dionisio Lima, 111, drew, 10.

(05-05-83)

CHIHUAHUA

▲**JUAREZ—**David (Maceton) Cabrera, 176, TKO'd Vicente Medina, 175, in eight. Rigoberto (Gigio) Estrada, 118, and Jesus Lopez Ibarra, 117, drew, 10.

(02-11-83)

▲**JUAREZ—**Daniel Zaragoza, 117, outpointed Rigoberto (Gigio) Estrada, also 117, 12, to retain his Mexican bantamweight title. Octavio Quinones, 112, won by a disqualification over Alfredo (Cachorro) Hernandez, 111, in four. Agustin (Finito) Macias, 112, knocked out Mario Lozano, 111, in the seventh. Jesus Muniz, 115, kayoed Gerardo Castillo, also 115, in the first.

(03-18-83)

▲**CIUDAD MADERAS—**Raul Bencomo, 134, TKO'd Ramon Castaneda, 135, in three.

(04-08-83)

COAHUILA

▲**MONCLOVA—**Paco Balderas, 123, kayoed Ismael Aguilar, also 123, in four.

(03-18-83)

▲**TORREON—**Carlos Mendoza, 123, Panama, and Jesus (Pascualito) Lopez, 122, drew, 10.

(03-25-83)

▲**PIEDRAS NEGRAS—**Mario Rodriguez, 135, outscored Cayetano Correa, also 135, 10.

(04-29-83)

DURANGO

▲**DURANGO—**Primo Rojas, 136, outpointed Jorge (Canon) Hernandez, 135, 10.

(04-23-83)

FEDERAL DISTRICT

▲**MEXICO CITY—**Juan Carlos Alvarado, 112, TKO'd Herminio Delgado, also 112, in six. Hugo Rodriguez, 112, outscored Casimiro Rosales, 111, 10. Bruno Rabanales, 124, outpointed Jose Escamilla, 125, six. Rodolfo Sosa, 146, TKO'd Alfonso Lois, 145, in two. Abraham Martinez, 122, outscored Jesus Galicia, also 122, four.

(02-09-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY—**Armando (Toro) Cordoba, 112, TKO'd Jesus Tejeda, 111, in nine. Jose Antonio Alvarez, 119, outpointed Juan Atilano, 115, 10. Hilario Duran, 107, outscored Gerardo (Gatito) Gonzalez, 109, 10. Javier Torres, 117, and Francisco Ortiz, also 117, drew, six. Raymundo Carpio, 115, outscored Wilfredo Castillo, also 115, four.

(02-16-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY—**Raul Dominguez, 108, outpointed Mauro Diaz, also 108, 10. Guillermo Oliva, 121, won by a disqualification over Victor Montero, 120, in seven. Pedro Mendoza, 125, outscored Felipe Olivar, 126, six. Jose Luis Bautista, 117, outpointed Jose Soto, also 117, four. Jorge Alvarez, 126, TKO'd Mario Moreno, 124, in three.

(02-23-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY—**Jorge Vaca, 147, TKO'd Sergio Sanchez, 145, in three. Heriberto Saavedra, 119, and Javier Herrera, 118, drew, 10. Felipe de Campo, 135, TKO'd Jose Luis Reyes, also 135, in six. Noe Gonzalez, 126, TKO'd Hector Cid, 125, in four. Sergio Moreno, 111, and Graciano Maceda, 110, drew, four.

(02-26-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY—**Agustin (Changa) Macias, 117, outpointed Santos Rodriguez, 116, 10. Jose Ramirez, 109, outpointed Pedro Gatica, 108, 10. Rodolfo Sosa, 146, TKO'd Jaime Martinez, 145,

in two. Nino Alonso, 111, outscored Carmelo Bustos, 110, six. Hilario Manjarrez, 119, TKO'd Aniceto Hernandez, 117, in three. Raymundo Carpio, 110, and Raul Lopez, also 110, drew, four.
(03-02-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Javier Lucas, 112, outscored Rafael (Raton) Alonso, 111, 10. Miguel (Morris) Landin, 146, iced Jose Canchola, 145, in one. Alfredo de la Torre, 118, TKO'd Salvador Zamora, 117, in five. Bruno Rabanales, 124, TKO'd Marcos Guzman, 127, in five. Alfredo Contreras, 125, TKO'd Oscar Martinez, also 125, in four.
(03-05-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Javier Davila, 109, outscored Pedro Moreno, also 109, 10. Ramon Jimenez, 121, TKO'd Angel Lira, 123, in three. Reynaldo Garcia, 109, outscored Antonio Escamilla, 110, six. Abraham Martinez, 117, outpointed Nabor Flores, also 117, four. Arturo Davila, 116, TKO'd Javier Roman, 117, in one.
(03-09-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Arturo (Cuyito) Hernandez, 125, TKO'd Arturo Sanchez, also 125, in nine. Arturo Mujica, 113, flattened Ramon Escalante, 111, in the sixth round. Javier Hernandez, 119, TKO'd Jorge Urbina, also 119, in two. Bruno Luevano, 112, TKO'd Pedro Pineda, 111, in three. Nicolas Reyes, 112, TKO'd Raul Peregrino, 110, in two.
(03-11-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Rodolfo (Dorado) Martinez, 114, TKO'd Mario (Chapo) Nava, 119, in eight. Victor Paredes, 124, TKO'd Noe Gonzalez, also 124, in three. Miguel Ordonez, 108, kayoed Arturo Mendoza, 107, in the fourth round. Jorge Lua, 134, outscored Octavio Garrido, 135, six. Ismael Diaz, 138, TKO'd Manuel Herrera, 134, in two.
(03-12-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Pedro (Canon) Diaz, 162, TKO'd Jose Mireles, 160, in five. Hugo Rodriguez, 114, TKO'd Neftali Ramirez, 115, in six. Gregorio Narciso, 125, TKO'd Juan Arias, 124, in three. Agustin Jimenez, 135, TKO'd Raul Perez, also 135, in one. Mario Quintana, 126, won by a disqualification over Vicente Velazco, 125, in one.
(03-16-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Heriberto Saavedra, 119, TKO'd Carlos de la Paz, 118, in six. Raul (Satanas) Guerrero, 142, TKO'd Miguel (Morris) Landin, 143, in the 10th and final round. Antonio Morales, 126, TKO'd Felipe Olivar, 125, in six. Ricardo Aguilar, 108, TKO'd Rodolfo Ramirez, also 108, in five. Jaime Tenopala, 109, TKO'd Mauro Cortez, 108, in three.
(03-19-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Jaime (Conejo) Casas, 125, TKO'd Angel Jimenez, 124, in the 10th and final round. Damian Hernandez, 117, won a technical decision over Nino Alonso, also 117, in five. Francisco Ortiz, 118, outpointed Ray de la Cruz, 116, eight. Ciro Armengol, 111, outpointed Raul Quiroga, 110, six. Jose Luis Bautista, 117, TKO'd Julio Gomez, also 117, in three.
(03-23-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Agustin (Changa) Macias, 124, TKO'd Memo Vallejo, also 124, in seven. Javier Herrera, 117, TKO'd Antonio Gallegos, 118, in eight. Javier Torres, 117, and Onesimo Vilchis, 118, drew, six. Bonfilio Garcia, 114, won by a disqualification over Pedro Mendoza, 115, in four. Hilario Manjarrez, 117, TKO'd Graciano Maceda, also 117, in two.
(03-26-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Ricardo Sosa, 108, outpointed Venancio Rosas, also 108, 10. Mario Olmedo, 148, outpointed Tomas (Negro) Garcia, 146, 10. Jose Hernandez, 112, TKO'd Cenobio Martinez, 111, in two. Fernando Diaz, 112, TKO'd Rodolfo Sosa, 111, in two. Oscar Correa, 111, kayoed Salamon Jimenez, 110, in the first session.
(03-30-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Armando (Toro) Coronado, 108, TKO'd Arturo Tebaqui, 109, in one. Rodolfo Flores, 112, TKO'd Wilebaldo Salazar, 111, in seven. Jose Luis Lara, 116, TKO'd Victor Martinez, also 116, in eight. Arnulfo Contreras, 111, TKO'd Abraham Martinez, 110, in one. Mauricio Ferrer, 112, TKO'd Julio Garcia, 114, in two.
(04-02-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Eduardo Torres, 125, TKO'd Hugo Partida, also 125, in four. Antonio Alvarez, 119, edged Victor Montero, 118, 10. Pedro Gatica, 109, TKO'd Gerardo Carreno, 110, in one. Mario Moreno, 111, outscored Pioquinto Sanchez, also 111, six. Jorge Alvarez, 114, polished off Franco Hernandez, 113, in three.
(04-06-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Martin Torres, 117, won by a disqualification over Jorge Ramirez, 118, in five. Jose Pineda, 113, kayoed Lupe Acosta, also 113, in two. Rafael Morales, 110, TKO'd Enedino Tolentino, 109, in two. Raymundo Carpio, 117, outscored Alfredo Martinez, also 117, four. Oscar Correa, 134, TKO'd Javier Carrillo, 133, in three.
(04-09-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Rodolfo (Dorado) Martinez, 114, TKO'd Rodolfo (Colorina) Ortega, also 114, in nine. Arturo (Cuyito) Hernandez, 128, TKO'd Leonardo (Chango) Moreno, 129, in five. Agustin Resendiz, 137, polished off Marcelo Vega, 138, in two. Ruben Lira, 125, outpointed Noe Garcia, 124, six. Candido Corona, 111, outscored Pedro Bautista, also 111, four.
(04-16-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Alberto (Hungaro) Martinez, 118, TKO'd Hugo Rodriguez, 119, in seven. Efrain Pinto, 110, TKO'd Prospero Mendoza, 111, in three. Daniel Gonzalez, 115, won by a disqualification over Albino Degollado, also 115, in two. Luciano Ramirez, 134, and Felipe Vasquez, 135, drew, four. Ricardo Alonso, 113, outscored Vicente Velasco, 114, four.
(04-21-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Heriberto Saavedra, 119, and Jorge de Jesus, also 119, drew, 10. Guillermo (Mono) Miranda, 135, TKO'd Adolfo Madrigal, 133, in eight. Enrique Ursua, 117, TKO'd Arnulfo Contreras, also 117, in two. Oscar Correa, 135, TKO'd Octavio Garrido, 136, in three. Ricardo Rico, 118, outscored Jorge Arce, 117, four.
(04-23-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Arturo Mujica, 111, halted Adalberto Martinez, also 111, in three. Hilario Duran, 109, TKO'd Mercedes Valenzuela, also 109, in eight. Armando Marin, 126, stopped Felipe Garcia, 125, in two. Felix Ramirez, 111, TKO'd Pablo Gomez, 112, in one. Antonio Diaz, 136, outpointed Samuel Diaz, 135, four.
(04-27-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Candelario (Changuito) Carmona, 110, TKO'd Raul Dominguez, 111, in two. Nabor Flores, 117, outpointed Jose Luis Bautista, also 117, six. Sergio Moreno, 110, outscored Pedro Gatica, 109, six. Donasiano Escamilla, 125, TKO'd Humberto Ferrer, 124, in one. Jorge Alvarez, 126, TKO'd Alejandro Alonso, 125, in one.
(05-04-83)

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Arturo (King Kong) Diaz, 212, wiped out Abraham (Yaqui) Meneses, 208, in the first round. Ramon Jimenez, 115, demolished Hugo Espinosa, 116, in one. Noe Gonzalez, 116, TKO'd Hugo Anguiano, also 116, in four. Jose Cruz, 123, TKO'd Pastor Estrada, 124, in five. Hilario Manjarrez, 118, TKO'd Arturo Pedraza, also 118, in four.
(05-07-83)

GUERRERO

▲**ACAPULCO**—Emilio Santos, 108, outpointed Jesus Melos, also 108, 10. Antonio Ramirez, 126, stopped Antonio Vargas, also 126, in five.
(02-11-83)

▲**ACAPULCO**—Felipe Rodriguez, 140, TKO'd Rafael Vieyra, 141, in six. Francisco Hernandez, 108, outpointed Julio Rios, also 108, 10.
(02-18-83)

▲**ACAPULCO**—Jose Cruzaley, 112, outpointed Salvador Nava, 111, 10. Agustin Cardenas, 107, kayoed Jose Luis Arzeta, 108, in two.
(02-25-83)

▲**ACAPULCO**—Juan de la Cruz, 117, demolished Juan (Coreano) Mejia, 118, in one. Manuel Arce, Jr., 122, outscored Roberto (Costenito) Molina, also 122, 10. Guillermo Flores, 108, stopped Sotero Becerra, 109, in two. Ray Arce, 117, won by a disqualification over Angel Bernal, 116, in two.
(03-04-83)

▲**ACAPULCO**—Ciro Cayetano, 125, TKO'd Salvador (Raton) Estrada, 124, in five. Martin Santiago, 118, stopped Antonio Contreras, also 118, in eight. Pablo Miranda, 114, outscored Abel Vargas, 116, four. Ramon Suazo, 118, TKO'd Narciso Perez, 119, in three.
(03-11-83)

▲**ACAPULCO**—Alberto (Punos de Oro) Garcia, 109, TKO'd Andres Cisneros, 108, in five. Felipe Rodriguez, 134, kayoed Hector Rodriguez, 133, in eight.
(03-18-83)

▲**ACAPULCO**—Arturo Gonzalez, 120, TKO'd Francisco Mayo, 118, in six. Also Hernandez, 111, TKO'd Victor Ramirez, also 111, in eight. Rafael Mayoral, 117, TKO'd Alfredo Marcial, 118, in two. Jaime Cortez, 110, outpointed Antonio Benitez, 109, four.
(03-25-83)

▲**ZIHUATANEJO**—Isidro Perez, 108, kayoed Camilo Ortiz, also 108, in three.
(03-26-83)

▲**ACAPULCO**—Chucho Jimenez, 114, TKO'd Ruben Hernandez, 115, in the first round. Carlos Hernandez, 134, TKO'd Hermelindo Estrada, 135, in three. Albino Rosas, 107, stopped Enedino Aguilar, 108, in four. Alejandro Zarate, 110, outpointed Miguel Murillo, 109, six. Magdaleno Hernandez, 111, TKO'd Francisco Casarrubias, 112, in three.
(04-08-83)

▲**ACAPULCO**—Javier Lucas, 112, TKO'd Elfego Lopez, 111, in four. Juan Manuel Rios, 108, TKO'd Miguel Jimenez, 107, in seven.
(04-15-83)

▲**ACAPULCO**—Miguel (Huracan) Juarez, 122, and Miguel Aviles, 121, drew, 10. Martin Santiago, 125, halted Pablo Miranda, 124, in the 10th and final round.
(04-22-83)

▲**ACAPULCO**—Felipe Rodriguez, 135, demolished Juan Camacho, 136, in three. Carlos Hernandez, 123, flattened Valerio Valente, 122, in four. Rafael (Cuchillo) Mayoral, 124, TKO'd Francisco Garibay, also 124, in eight. Antonio Martinez, 112, TKO'd Magdaleno Moreno, 111, in two. Elpidio Huerta, 111, stopped Pedro Carballo, 110, in four.
(04-29-83)

HIDALGO

▲**PACHUCA**—Javier Hernandez, 125, outscored Salvador Estrada, also 125, 10.
(02-11-83)

▲**PACHUCA**—Fernando (Soldadito) Teran, 124, won by a disqualification over Eugenio Morgan, 125, in five. Alfredo Segura, 117, flattened Ernesto Caballero, 119, in the fourth.
(03-04-83)

JALISCO

▲**GUADALAJARA**—Mario (Azabache) Martinez, 125, outpointed Gustave Dominguez, 126, 10.
(02-11-83)

▲**GUADALAJARA**—Mauro Gutierrez, 125, outscored Leonardo Moreno, 127, 10. Juan Carlos Alvarado, 112, kayoed Bony Valenzuela, 111, in five.
(02-18-83)

▲**GUADALAJARA**—Alberto (Hungaro) Martinez, 117, knocked out Victor Moreno, also 117, in the second. Alfredo Hernandez, 125, stopped Rigoberto Luna, 126, in two. Javier Ramirez, 135, flattened Jesus Garcia, 134, in five. Carlos Gomez, 108, TKO'd Juan Ramirez, 107, in four.
(02-25-83)

▲**GUADALAJARA**—Juan Alonso Villa, 135, knocked out Martin Alba, also 135, in four. Martin Lopez, 117, halted Ramon Mendoza, 118, in two. Roberto Rios, 111, outscored Jorge Cardona, 110, eight. Jose Luis Cruz, 125, outpointed Leo Meza, 127, six.
(03-04-83)

▲**GUADALAJARA**—Juan Alfonso Villa, 134, TKO'd Carlos de los Cobos, 135, in four.
(03-25-83)

▲**GUADALAJARA**—Martin Garcia, 118, outpointed Manuel (Lobo) Aguilar, 117, 10.
(04-08-83)

▲**GUADALAJARA**—Mario (Azabache) Martinez, 126, outpointed Mauro Gutierrez, 125, 10. Everardo Lopez, 119, halted Jose Gallardo, 118, in two.
(04-15-83)

▲**GUADALAJARA**—Lupe Torres, 118, outscored Ildefonso Bernal, 117, 10.
(04-22-83)

▲**GUADALAJARA**—Rodolfo (Coloradito) Cardona, 146, TKO'd Domingo Robles, 147, in seven.
(04-29-83)

MICHOACAN

▲**APATZINGAN**—Memo Miranda, 126, TKO'd Roberto (Negro) Torres, 125, in six.
(02-25-83)

NUEVO LEON

▲**MONTERREY**—Baldomero Santos, 109, outpointed Alejandro Flores, 108, 10.
(02-04-83)

▲**MONTERREY**—Arturo (King Kong) Diaz, 191, destroyed Jose Cruz, 195, in six. Alfredo (Cachorro) Hernandez, 111, outscored Baldomero Santos, 109, 10.
(02-25-83)

OAXACA

▲**SALINA CRUZ**—Efren Pinto, 108, outscored Ricardo (Finito) Lopez, 109, 10.
(02-12-83)

▲**SALINA CRUZ**—Cenobio Nicolas, 127, and Silvino Valencia, 125, drew, 10.
(02-18-83)

PUEBLA

▲**PUEBLA**—Aaron Garcia, 109, outpointed Efren Pinto, 108, 10.
(03-25-83)

▲**PUEBLA**—Mario (Chapo) Nava, 118, TKO'd Roberto Flores, also 118, in nine. Simon Dominguez, 111, outscored Daniel Cuamani, also 111, 10.
(04-22-83)

QUINTANA ROO

▲**CANCUN**—Gaspar Pool, 135, kayoed Rene (Dandy) Lugo, 129, in two. Luciano Nahuatl, 119, outscored Daniel Munoz, 118, 10.
(03-05-83)

▲**CHETUMAL**—Juan Manuel Rios, 109, outscored Jorge Luis (Cucaracho) Rejon, 108, 10. Memo Flores, 108, outpointed Javier (Candelita) Varguez, 107, 10.
(03-18-83)

▲**CHETUMAL**—Santiago Mendez, 108, knocked out Carlos (Rezago) Reyes, 109, in the 10th and final round. Alberto (Malach) Chuc, 117, TKO'd Mario Zapata, 118, in six. Teo Batun, 107, knocked out Jose Cituk, also 107, in three. Francisco Villafan, 115, won by a disqualification over Manuel (Chopita) Ortiz, 115, in four.
(04-08-83)

▲**CHETUMAL**—Daniel Herrera, 125, TKO'd Roberto (Costeno) Molina, 126, in three. Gaspar Pool, 135, stopped Javier Romero, 136, in five. Roger Arevalo, 118, nailed Francisco Yam, 117, in the fourth.
(04-15-83)

▲**CHETUMAL**—Adolfo Sanjeado, 149, iced Jose Luis Venegas, 150, in the first round. Alfonso Perez Robinson, 150, knocked out Cesareo Hernandez, 151, in the second. Jaime Cristino, 135, kayoed Lauro Sanchez, 134, in one. Luis Roman, 108, outscored Pascual Turriza, 111, four.
(04-29-83)

▲**CHETUMAL**—Autreberto (Beto) Perez, 126, TKO'd Daniel Herrera, 125, in seven. Gaspar Pool, 135, won by a disqualification over Sugar Ray Best. Alex Parra, 121, stopped Mario Zapata, 120, in three.
(05-06-83)

SAN LUIS POTOSI

▲**CIUDAD VALLES**—Jorge de Jesus, 116, and Joel Segura, also 116, drew, 10.
(03-11-83)

SINALOA

▲**LOS MOCHIS**—Francisco (Cochulito) Montiel, 107, retained his Mexican junior flyweight crown by scoring a TKO over Filiberto (Macanas) Gonzalez, 108, in the 12th and final round. Mauro Gutierrez, 135, kayoed Mauricio Beltran, also 135, in three. Ray Beltran, 124, knocked out Hector Medina *(not Young Casanova)*, 123, in the fourth.
(03-18-83)

▲**CULIACAN**—Martin Torres, 124, kayoed Guillermo Valencia, 125, in the second. Romeo Isunza, 134, polished off Luis Chavez, 133, in two.
(03-18-83)

▲**MAZATLAN**—Celso (Estudiante) Munoz, 118, stopped Bonifacio Flores, 119, in three.
(03-25-83)

SONORA

▲**HERMOSILLO**—Juan Antonio Lopez, 124, halted veteran Francisco (Trompo) Marquez, 126, in seven.
(02-08-83)

▲**NAVOJOA**—Miguel Angel Alvarez, 125, outpointed Martin (Camaron) Castro, 124, 10. Sergio Zambrano, 122, outpointed Lupe Acosta, 121, 10. Conrado Lopez, 117, stopped Alejandro Moyorga, 118, in five.
(02-09-83)

▲**SAN LUIS RIO COLORADO**—Jose Luis Ramirez, 135, stopped Jesus Cebreres, 124, in three. Antonio Adame, 145, iced

Alfredo Dominguez, 143, in one.
(02-26-83)

▲**HERMOSILLO**—Hector (Young Casanova) Medina, 124, outscored Alfonso (Buho) Rodriguez, 122, 10. Sergio Zambrano, 122, nailed Jorge (Cocoa) Ramirez, 121, in the second. Tanquecito Lopez, 110, kayoed Eloy Zazueta, 109, in two. Pedro Zavala, 119, outscored Jorge de Alba, also 119, 10.
(03-01-83)

▲**HERMOSILLO**—Norberto Cabrera, 125, outpointed Joaquin Acuna, also 125, 10.
(03-15-83)

▲**NAVOJOA**—Justo Garcia, 125, stopped Pedro Galviz, also 125, in four. Veteran Leoncio Ortiz, 136, outpointed Ramon Avitia, 135, 10.
(03-16-83)

▲**NAVOJOA**—Carlos de la Paz, 125, outpointed Martín (Camaron) Castro, also 125, 10.
(03-23-83)

▲**NAVOJOA**—Sergio Zambrano, 125, TKO'd Mauricio Beltran, 126, in seven. Wary Beltran, 117, outpointed Conrado Lopez, 116, 10. Rafael Toledo, 125, outpointed Martin Diaz, 126, 10.
(04-22-83)

TAMAULIPAS

▲**NUEVO LAREDO**—Marcos Gomez, 124, halted Manuel Chavarria, 123, in two.
(02-18-83)

▲**REYNOSA**—Ernesto (Che) Guevara, 112, and Antonio (Chino) Benitez, also 112, drew, 12, Guevara retaining his Mexican flyweight title. Ramon (Chopa) Ortiz, 112, outscored Juan Hernandez, 113, 10. Jesus Becerra, 114, outpointed Miguel Angel Meza, 115, 10.
(03-25-83)

▲**NUEVO LAREDO**—Fernando Montes, 209, retained his Mexican heavyweight title by knocking out Aldo Montes, 203, in the fifth.
(03-25-83)

▲**REYNOSA**—Agustin (Changa) Macias, 112, outpointed Homero Gil, 124, 10. Ramon Nunez, 134, outscored Miguel Angel Dominguez, 136, 10. Javier Davila, 112, outpointed Jesus Becerra, 111, 10.
(04-22-83)

VERACRUZ

▲**POZA RICA**—David (Lenteja) Madrid, 156, outscored Julio Bautista, 157, 10.
(03-18-83)

YUCATAN

▲**MERIDA**—Carlos (Calin) Castro, 117, retained his Yucatan State bantamweight title with a two-round TKO over Alberto (Malach) Chuc, 118. Remulo Cortez, 113, TKO'd Manuel Hong, 116, in seven. Babe Luis II, 107, outscored Jorge (Estudiante) Rivera, 108, six. Roger Arevalo, 121, outpointed Jorge Borges, 122, four. Guillermo Piste, 112, outscored Arturo May, also 112, four.
(02-09-83)

▲**MERIDA**—Javier Alonzo, 109, kayoed Alberto (Punos de Oro) Garcia, 108, in two. Mike Aviles, 126, outpointed Dandy Gonzalez, 125, 10. Manuel Chale, 117, outscored Guillermo Piste, also 117, six. Jose Escalante, 107, outpointed Jose Rosendo Ku, 106, four. David Aznar, 116, and Manolo Mena, 107, drew, four.
(02-23-83)

▲**MERIDA**—William Solis, 135, outscored Alfonso Perez Robinson, 140, 10. Armando Sarabia, 135, TKO'd Lauro Sanchez, 136, in one. Roger Arevalo, 121, and Martin Barrera, 122, drew, six. Benjamin Estrella, 135, outpointed Pedro Pat, also 135, four. Jose Naal, 110, knocked out Otilio Rodriguez, also 110, in the first.
(03-02-83)

▲**MERIDA**—Carlos (Calin) Castro, 118, stopped Fidel Martinez, also 118, in nine. Alfredo Chale, 112, TKO'd Ricardo (Tigre) Medina, 113, in two. Babe Luis II, 107, outpointed Jose Antonio Cuz, 108, six. Arturo May, 111, and Luis Cardena, 110, drew, four. Francisco Tolosa, 109, TKO'd Rosendo Romero, also 109, in two.
(03-09-83)

▲**MERIDA**—Newcomer Babe Luis, 108, TKO'd Ricardo (Finito) Lopez, 109, in seven. Alex Parra, 125, outscored Felipe (Culebra) Rocha, 127, 10. Julian Loria, 111, outpointed Roger Ramirez, also 111, six. Jose Luis Vera, 117, and Chen Lakin, also 117, drew, four. Tigre Rodriguez, 110, outscored Francisco Garcia, also 110, four.
(03-16-83)

▲**MERIDA**—Jorge Cano, 116, TKO'd Margarito (Lobo) Narvaez, 117, in eight. Gaspar Pool, 135, TKO'd Armando Sarabia, 136, in two. Fernando (Candelita) Varguez, 108, TKO'd Carlos Medina, also 108, in three. Manuel (Chopita) Ortiz, 107, and Teo Batun, 108, drew, six. Samuel Pinto, 124, outpointed Raul Cocom, also 124, four.
(03-23-83)

▲**MERIDA**—Alfredo Chale, 112, halted Jorge Gutierrez, 113, in eight. Rodolfo Alvarado, 108, and Rene Medina, 107, drew, 10. Kid Jorge, 108, outscored Carlos Mendez, also 108, in eight. Manuel Chale, 118, TKO'd Ernesto (Baby) Amaya, 117, in six. Jose Escalante, 108, outpointed Pastor Salas, 107, four.
(03-30-83)

▲**MERIDA**—Mariano Garma, 123, TKO'd Jose Medina, 124, in three. Jose Esteban (Momia) Quijano, 112, outpointed Javier Alonzo, 113, 10. Jorge Luis (Cucaracho) Rejon, 108, stopped Ranulfo Cano, 109, in six. David Aznar, 112, and Emilio Ku, 112, drew, four. Luis Rodriguez, 125, kayoed Roger Ramirez, 124, in the first.
(04-06-83)

▲**MERIDA**—William Solis, 135, outpointed Herminio Delgado, 136, 10. Marco Figueroa, 126, TKO'd Wilbert Veram, 124, in one. Rabanito Martin, 114, outscored Ramon Pinto, 115, eight. Samuel Pinto, 111, outscored Luis Alberto Rodriguez, also 111, four. Lobito Chavez, 107, TKO'd Victor Manuel Chuc, 108, int two.
(04-13-83)

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LATIN AMERICAN RATINGS

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6. Walter Daniel Falconi (Argentina)
7. Domingo D'Elía (Argentina)
8. Luis Acosta (Argentina)
9. Hector Rubén Zamaro (Argentina)
10. Fernando Montes (Mexico)
11. Cisco Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
12. Abraham Meneses (Mexico)
13. Jorge Flores (Mexico)
14. Juan Antonio Musladino (Argentina)
15. José Luis Gonzalez (Mexico)
16. Cándido Barrera (Argentina)
17. Gilberto Acuña (Costa Rica)
18. Hugo Ruffino (Argentina)
19. Aldo Montes (Mexico)
20. Eusebio Hernandez (Mexico)

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3. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Venezuela)
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5. Pablo Ramos (Puerto Rico)
6. Pedro César Duarte (Argentina)
7. Marcos Geraldo (Mexico)
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10. Lorenzo Benitez (Mexico)
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12. Jorge Salgado (Argentina)
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19. Angel Salinas (Argentina)
20. Euclides Valdez (Dominican Republic)

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6. Andres Ramirez (Mexico)
7. Manuel Melon (Puerto Rico)
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11. Luis Peralta (Argentina)
12. Abel Cordoba (Mexico)
13. Sigfredo Colorado (Colombia)
14. Jose Mireles (Mexico)
15. Rafael Corona (Mexico)
16. Miguel Maldonado (Argentina)
17. Jose Vega (Argentina)
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9. Luis Bazan (Argentina)
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11. Edgar Castro (Venezuela)
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14. Bernabe Montanez (Puerto Rico)
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7. Bernardo Checa (Panama)
8. Eduardo Chavez (Argentina)
9. Felix Rodriguez (Panama)
10. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
11. Joaquin Acuña (Mexico)
12. Roberto Rubaldino (Mexico)
13. Carmelo Negron (Puerto Rico)
14. Antonio de la Paz (Mexico)
15. Jorge Lujan (Panama)
16. Bernardino Piñango (Venezuela)
17. Juan Veloz (Mexico)
18. Juan Araneda Bazan (Chile)
19. Jefferson Gomez (Colombia)
20. Marcelo Beckford (Panama)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
1. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
2. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
3. Ramon Soria (Argentina)
4. Francisco Bejines (Mexico)
5. Edgar Román (Venezuela)
6. Benito Badilla (Chile)
7. Jose Rufino Narvaez (Argentina)
8. Luis Gerez (Argentina)
9. Cardenio Ulloa (Chile)
10. Miguel Iriarte (Panama)
11. Tommy Valoy (Dominican Rep.)
12. Leonardo Valdez (Mexico)
13. Guty Espadas (Mexico)
14. Ruben Dario Palacio (Colombia)
15. Miguel Lora (Colombia)
16. Israel Contreras (Venezuela)
17. Julio Soto Solano (Dominican Rep.)
18. Santiago Caballero (Venezuela)
19. Miguel Maturana (Columbia)
20. Oscar Flores (Argentina)

FLYWEIGHTS
1. Gustavo Ballas (Argentina)
2. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
3. Hilario Zapata (Panama)
4. Eleoncio Mercedes (Dominican Rep.)
5. Guadalupe Madera (Mexico)
6. Juan Diaz (Mexico)
7. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
8. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
9. Adrian Roman (Argentina)
10. German Torres (Mexico)
11. Rual Valdez (Mexico)
12. Prudencio Cardona (Colombia)
13. Antonio Avelar (Mexico)
14. Ramon Antonio Nery (Dom. Rep.)
15. Reinaldo Becerra (Venezuela)
16. Francisco Montiel (Mexico)
17. Ernesto Guevara (Mexico)
18. Jose Gallegos (Mexico)
19. Roberto Ramirez (Mexico)
20. Pedro Flores (Mexico)

SOUTH AMERICA

COLOMBIA

▲**MONTERIA**—Miguel (Happy) Lora, Monteria, outscored the previously unbeaten Ruben Dario Palacio, Medellin, 12, to win the vacant American Inter-Continental bantamweight title. Lora is now 13-13. Palacio is 9-1.

Felipe Julio, Monteria, outpointed Alvaro Narvaez, Cartagena, 10 rounds, feathers.

Bobby Garcia, Cartagena, retained his Colombian lightweight crown with a unanimous decision over Uriel Londono, Monteria, 12.

Ruben Guzman, Monteria, TKO'd Ruben Velasquez, Tierralta, in the fifth. (05-12-83)

▲**CARTAGENA—Cartagena de Indias Bull Ring**—Julio Llerena, Cartagena, won a unanimous decision over Bernabe Montanez, Puerto Rico, 10, featherweights.

Oscar Bolivar, Marialabaja, 112, outpointed Santos Becerra, Panama, 10.

Horacio Perez, 147, outscored Heriberto Torres, 109, in the second.

Saul Julio, 136, knocked out Rodolfo Ruiz, also 136, in the first round.

Robinson Herrera, 124, outpointed Antonio Miranda, 121, four.
(05-20-83)

LUIS A. GONZALEZ

EUROPE

AUSTRIA

▲**VIENNA—City Hall**—Three Austrian title bouts were featured.

Franz Dorfer retained his national middleweight title by stopping Nazif Biberovic in the eighth round. The challenger was down three times.

Edip Secevic won the vacant light middleweight crown by halting Esperno Postl in round three.

Manfred Findenig won the vacant welterweight title when the referee stopped his bout with Otto Zinoder in the third round. Otto, the ex-champ, was bloodied and exhausted at the finish.

Jurgen Himmler knocked out Ali Pehlivan in the second round, light welters.

Helmut Owessel survived a disastrous first round to halt Curtis Jones, U.S.A., in the third. Owessel was down three times and saved by the bell in the first frame, but came back to floor Jones three times in the third.
(03-31-83)

▲**SALZBURG**—After six weeks of ballyhoo, the first appearance of Tony Mundine in his newly adopted home failed to materialize.

Mundine was to face Louis Pergaud Ngatchou and Marijan Benes would meet the dangerous Ugandan, Dick (Tiger) Kathende, and a 3,500 crowd was expected.

Just three days before the show, Pergaud and Kathende pulled out with injuries, and Fred Brown and Johnny Heard came in as subs.

On fight day, only 800 fans turned up, and, due to "problems with the scales," the Mundine-Brown bout was cancelled. Benes-Heard became top of the bill.

The catalogue of disasters was completed when the veteran Heard flattened Benes with a right hand to the temple in round two of their middleweight contest. Heard had lost 13 of his last 16 bouts. The 31-year-old Benes saw his record drop to 28-6-1. He may be finished.

Mundine stablemate Pat Hailwood kayoed Eloy Conguet in the first round, middles.

Ferdinand Pachler outpointed Henk Van Den Tak, eight, welters.
(04-16-83)

BELGIUM

▲**MIDDELKERKE**—The Seys family had a good night with three wins. Hendryk Seys outpointed Helmut Ulka, eight, light heavies. Jose Seys kayoed Vedat Akova in the eighth, light heavies. Filip Seys knocked out Juergen Broszeit in the first round, middles.

Franky De Caestecker outscored Luciano Navarro, 10, welters. Franky, 32, has won his last six bouts.

Romain Mianzuela extended his unbeaten run to 13 win a points win over Celestin Kanynda, eight, light middles.

Albert Toma outscored Eddy Vandenhouweele, eight, light heavies.
(04-09-83)

▲**LA LOUVIERE**—Maurice Bufi won the Benelux middleweight title for the second time by stopping Claudio Bosio in round eight. Bufi had been stripped of the crown.

Angelo Licata outscored Haidar Nourredine, eight.
(04-22-83)

▲**ITTRE**—Eric Ceriac kayoed Vincent Cipolla in the first round. Cipolla had been inactive for three years.
(04-29-83)

▲**GRIVEGNEE**—Jean Marc Renard won the Benelux featherweight title when Mohamed Maalem retired in round two. Renard is now 15-2.

Jean Symos and Jo Bollue drew, eight, welters.
(05-06-83)

DENMARK

▲**COPENHAGEN**—Ugandan John Odhiambo halted overweight Georg Butzback in the third round. Butzback was down thrice. Odhiambo is now 16-0 and is in line for a shot at WBC cruiserweight champion S.T. Gordon.

Giant Swedish heavyweight Anders Eklund struggled to a dull but important points win over Spanish veteran Felipe Rodriguez, six.

Southpaw Louis Pergaud Ngatchou halted local prospect Michael Madsen in the sixth and final round. Madsen had been undefeated.

Torben Anderson outpointed Jean Andre Emmerich, six, middles.

John Mortensen knocked out Rafael Fuentes in the third round, middles.

Ugandan Mohamed Kawoya made his pro debut by stopping Spanish light welterweight Jose Castillo in four.

Gert Bo Jacobsen outscored Spanish lightweight champion Hugo Carrizo, six.
(04-08-83)

FRANCE

▲**TOULOUSE**—Josselin Loubli outscored Francois Romeo, six, lightweights.

Sami Baara outpointed Joel Narcam, six, welters.
(01-14-83)

▲**HYERES**—Rising light welterweight Mohamed Lazmany outscored Tapsoba Tiga, eight.

Thierry Piriou outpointed Marc Scullini, six, welters.
(01-14-83)

▲**STRASBOURG**—Richard Bankeu outscored Max Abihzer, six, light middles.
(01-15-83)

▲**GUISE**—Jean-Baptiste Mendy outpointed Gilles Beaurain, six, lightweights.
(01-15-83)

▲**CLUSES**—Hassen Mebarki halted Larbi Houidi in five, light welters.

▲**LE CANNET-ROCHEVILLE**—Antoine Curti outpointed Rafael Munoz, eight, lightweights.

Bruno Dario outscored Jesus Canut, six, lightweights.
(03-25-83)

▲**ST. MALO**—Yannick Blandin outpointed Tiburce Mondelice, six, light welterweights.
(03-26-83)

▲**JOEUF**—In a light heavyweight competition, Anaclet Wamba beat Fefe Osuna and Abdel Moumene defeated Achene Reffas.
(03-27-83)

▲**VOIRON**—Michel Cini outpointed Corrado Infanti, six, bantams.
(04-09-83)

▲**HAYANGE**—Unbeaten Philipe Monin stopped light middleweight Nazario Mariotti in three.
(04-09-83)

▲**LE MANS**—Charley Jurietti retained his French lightweight title with a 12-round draw against local favorite Jimmy Kante. Charley is now 26-7-5. Jimmy is 12-3-2.

Locally based light welterweight prospect Abdel Arik outscored Yannick Bland, eight.
(04-15-83)

▲**ROUEN**—Pat Heitz and Francisco Rodriguez drew, six, lightweights.
(04-16-83)

▲**ORLEANS**—Farid Gallouze and Roy Somer drew, 10, featherweights.
(04-16-83)

▲**COURBEVOIE**—Jean-Louis Coquin outpointed Mohamed Bouziani, eight, light middles.
(04-16-83)

▲**CHATEAUNEUF-SUR-LOIRE**—Former French middleweight champion Philippe Martin and Vicente Macias drew, eight. Martin, 24, is now 11-1-1.
(04-23-83)

▲**AIX-EN-PROVENCE**—Roberto Castanon, Spain, retained his European junior lightweight crown by knocking out Michel Siracusa in the fourth. Siracusa started well, but once Castanon cut loose it was all over. The champion was warned for rabbit punching shortly before he dropped Siracusa with a right to the head in the fatal session. The Frenchman rose at eight, but was counted out on his feet by the Swiss referee. The ref, in fact, decided to disqualify Castanon—but a quick discussion with the other fight officials squashed that, and Roberto was declared the winner.

A stupid fan then carried Siracusa 'round the ring on his shoulders. Michel, however, fell backwards and hit his head on the ropes. He had to be taken to the local hospital, but was released the following day.

French light heavyweight Richard Caramanolis was fed a soft touch in Manuel Lira, Uruguay, and scored a first round knockout.

Local lightweight hero Aldo DiBenedetto outscored Laurent Grimbert, eight.

Junior lightweight Antoine Curti kayoed Nourredin Hamdani in the third round, junior lightweights. Curti is now 9-2-4.
(04-29-83)

▲**NICE**—Welterweight prospect Jean-Claude Fontana kayoed Jean-Pierre Moreau in the first canto. Fontana is now 11-0 with eight knockouts.

Jose Bastient and Robert Dormoy drew, eight, light middles.

Jose Rosemain outscored Christian Chesini, eight, middles. Rosemain is now 8-0.
(04-29-83)

▲**NEMOURS**—Frederic Geoffroy outpointed Amalio Galan, Spain. Geoffroy looks like a good bet to win the French lightweight crown before the end of 1983.
(04-29-83)

▲**GRENOBLE**—Michel Cini outscored Costentino Piredda, Italy, six, bantamweights.
(04-30-83)

▲**PERIGUEUX**—Joel Bonnetaz won the French middleweight title on his third attempt, outpointing Pierre Joly over 12 for the vacant crown. It was Joly's second shot at the title. The veteran Bonnetaz is now 33-16-2. Joly is 20-3-2. Both fighters are managed by Jean Bretonnel.

Jo Kimpuani won the French welterweight crown by halting Ronald Zenon in round seven. The 33-year-old Kimpuani is now 61-4. Zenon, 30, is 21-7.
(05-06-83)

▲**PONTARLIER**—Daniel Londas retained his French junior lightweight throne by forcing his top challenger, Francis Tripp, to retire in the ninth. Londas seemed on his way to the top until he suffered losses to Roberto Castanon and Michel Siracusa. He's now 22-2.
(05-07-83)

▲**PERSAN-BEAUMONT**—Jean-Victor Santoncini halted Justin M'Foudi in the seventh session, middles.
(05-07-83)

▲**PARIS**—Jean-Claude Fontana won the French welterweight tournament by knocking out Joel Brival in the first round in a battle of big punchers.
(05-09-83)

▲**PARIS**—Claude LeFrancois outscored Fefe Hosanna Mobama, six rounds, middleweights.
(05-16-83)

ERIC ARMIT

GERMANY

▲**FRANKFURT**—Reiner Hartmann, 208¾, halted Georg Butzbach, 206½, on a cut left eye in round seven. Hartmann had taken command from round five onwards, and Butzbach was given a standing eight count by referee Sigi Hahn shortly before the stoppage.

Mikan Popovic, 194, Yugoslavia, halted Austrian Helmut Owessie, referee Hahn stopping matters in round three.

Harald Edel, 189½, outpointed Peter Bieber, 207¼, four. Bieber was making his pro debut after a successful amateur career embracing 43 bouts.

Uwe Karches knocked out Mathias Wirth in the second round of their light heavyweight bout.

Southpaw Jose Varela, 155½, a German-based Spaniard, stopped Esperno Postl, 157¾, Austria, in the fourth. Postl was down thrice in earlier sessions, and referee Kurt Stroer stepped in when he was hurt by a short right hook in round four. Varela thus won his fourth professional start. It was Postl's 63rd pro contest.
(06-03-83)

JACK A. TREE

ITALY

▲**PISTOIA**—Wa Lomani outpointed Rosario Pacileo, eight, light middles.

Marco Gallo won by a disqualification over Bofunga Eymono in the seventh, featherweights.
(02-26-83)

▲**PESARO**—1980 Olympic Light Heavyweight Gold Medalist Slobodan Kacar, Yugoslavia, turned professional by halting Gabriele Lazzari in the third round.

Roberto Pisciotto outscored Domenico Ricci, six.
(03-04-83)

▲**SAN ELPIDIO**—Severino Picca halted Kumba Kalenga in the fourth round, lightweights.
(03-04-83)

▲**GROSSETO**—Lightweight Carmelo LoLacono halted Angelo Quintavalle in the third round.

Stefano Vassallo outscored George Ajjo, six, heavyweights.
(03-04-83)

▲**LISSONE**—Calisto Bavaresco outpointed Mayee Mabele, six, light middles.
(03-05-83)

▲**SAN SEVERO**—Antonio Gesualdo outscored Giuseppe Agate, six, light middles.
(03-05-83)

▲**OSTIA**—Marcello Paciucci stopped Pasquale Rippa on cuts in round seven, light heavies.
(03-05-83)

▲**ROME**—Franco Federici outscored Damien Marignan, six, heavies.
(03-11-83)

▲**BERGAMO**—Walter Giorgetti retained his Italian bantamweight title with a draw against unbeaten Paolo Castrovilli, 12. Giorgetti is now 12-1-1. Castrovilli is 20-0-1.

Local heavyweight idol Angelo Rottoli outpointed former Italian champion Guido Trane, eight.
(03-24-83)

▲**LIVORNO**—Giuseppe Martinese won the vacant Italian light welter crown by halting Bruno Simili in the 10th. A bad cut over the right eye forced the stoppage. Martinese, 30, is now 34-7-4. Simili is 20-2-4.

Francesco Prezioso outscored Raimondo Riccio, six, light welters.

Charles Ssali outpointed Malanda Kianda, six.
(03-11-83)

▲**PIEDEMONTE**—Undefeated middleweight Giovanni DeMarco stopped Nkengo Walengua in four. DeMarco now has seven wins.
(03-12-83)

▲**CAPO D'ORLANDO**—Former European featherweight champion Salvatore Melluzzo outscored Eyimono Bofunga, eight.

Tunisian lightweight Bonali Kamel stopped Samuel Meck on a cut in round six.
(03-17-83)

▲**NAPLES**—Featherweight prospect Salvatore Bottiglieri scored win number 10 by halting Luis de la Sagra in the fourth on cuts.

Lightweight Carmelo LoLacono outscored Giorgio Pipia, six.

Welterweight Calisto Bavaresco stopped Sid Conteh in the third round.

Gaetano Caso and unbeaten Spaniard Emilio Sole, drew, eight, welters. Caso is now 7-1-2. Sole is 16-0-1.
(03- -83)

▲**FERRARA**—Veteran Ernesto Ros won the Italian light middleweight title with an upset 12-round points win over Daniele Zappaterra. The southpaw loser claimed an injured right hand, but Ros won by a mile. He's now 13-10-7. Zappaterra is 18-1-1.

Domenico Ricci knocked out Angelo Fenu in the second round, welters.

▲**MILAN**—Italian fyweight champion Franco Cherchi outpointed Dave George, eight. Cherchi is now 15-0.
(03-25-83)

▲**SASSARI**—Loris Stecca, 126, won the vacant European

featherweight title by stopping Steve Sims, 125¾, Wales, at the end of five. The tough by slow starting Sims never got into the fight, and the ringside doctor ordered the bout stopped due to a bad cut over his right eye. Stecca was just too fast for the gutsy Welshman.

Carlos Santos, 156, Puerto Rico, TKO'd Wa Lomani, 153, Zaire, in the fifth round.

Constantino Piredda, 123½, outscored Eymono Bofunga, 124, six.

Mwimpa Kabeya, 136¾, Zaire outpointed Claudio Nitti, 136¼, six.
(04-07-83)

▲**MALISETTI**—Giuseppe Mercuri halted Vincenzo Maiolini on cuts in round six, welterweights.

Rosario Pacileo and Mabobo Kamunga drew, eight.
(03-25-83)

▲**GROSSETO**—Nuseta Bingunia, 129½, Zaire, stopped Andrea Ricci, 129¼, on a cut in the fourth round.

Francesco Gallo, 143¼, stopped Luigi Curcetti, 142, on a bad gash in round six.

Massimo Pieri, 165, and Kia Muyanga, 161, were thrown out for lack of action in five.

Abdel Arrob, 142½, stopped Simadilu Lubaki in the first round.

Sebastiano Sotgia, 133, won the Italian lightweight crown by knocking out Alessandro Scapecchi, 134¼, with a right hand followed by a left hook in 2:07 of the first round. Sotgia is now 16-2.
(04-01-83)

▲**FANO**—Juan Jose Gimenez, born in Argentina but now an Italian citizen, won his 98th pro bout by outpointing Mosino Maeleke, Zaire, eight, light welters. Gimenez also has nine losses and five draws.

Former Olympic Gold Medalist Slobodan Kacar, Yugoslavia, halted Sergio Bosio, Belgium, in the second round, light heavies.
(04-09-83)

▲**SAN REMO**—Daniel Falconi, 207¼, Argentina, outscored Damien Martignam, 214, France, six.

Giuseppe LaVite, 129, outpointed Richard Sake, 130, six. LaVite now has 18, wins. He's 24, and was Italian amateur champion in 1977 and 1978.

Nicola Cirelli, 164¼, kayoed Fred Reed, 168¾, in the third round. Cirelli, 26, is now 26-3 with 19 kayoes.

Sumbu Kalambay, 162¼, Zaire, knocked out Wilson Bell in the first. Kalambay is now 23-1-1 with 18 knockouts. He celebrated his 27th birthday by kayoing Wilson.

Rene Nelson outscored Malanda Kianda, four, light welters.

This was the card on which Howard Davis, Jr., 134¼, won a unanimous decision over George Feeney, 133¼, Great Britain, 10, and Nino LaRocca (Tidjani Sidibe), 146¾, scored a sensational upset TKO over Bobby Joe Young, 144½, in eight.

Top Rank, Inc. and Roberto Sabbatini.
(04-10-83)

▲**ABRUZZO**—Luciano DiGiacomo halted Antonio Cresenza in three, light heavies.
(04-10-83)

▲**FLORENCE**—Giovanni DeMarco TKO'd Christian Chesini in the seventh round of a scheduled eight. DeMarco is now 8-0.

Andrea Salvini went to 6-0 by outpointing Butangi N'Zolamesco, six.

Luigi DiLauro outscored Biagio Vallefuoco, six, light heavies.
(04-15-83)

▲**MUGNAN**—Walter Cevoli, 172½, won the Italian light heavyweight title by outpointing Gennaro Mauriello, 172, 12. The 24-year-old Cevoli is now 24-2. Mauriello, 25, is 12-2-2.

Marco Gallo, 128, outscored Cosimo Lavino, 132, eight.

Angelo Bizzarro outscored Melquiades Da Silva, eight, junior lightweights.

Gabriele Di Stazio outpointed Fabrizio Saraullo, six, junior lights.

Francesco Pestorino outscored Francesco Giacalone, six, lightweights.

Promoter—Elio Cotena. Attendance—1,100.
(04-15-83)

▲**PERUGIA**—The vacant European welterweight title should have been contested by Kirkland Laing and Gianfranco Rosi, but both were overlooked. Rosi, 146¾, took out his frustration on Pierangelo Pira, 146, halting the former champ in round five to retain his Italian crown. Rosi is now 21-1.

Claudio NItti, 136, knnocked out Palmiro Pizzata, 134½, in the sixth round.

Giuseppe Leto, 156, TKO'd Angelo Fenu, 152, in four.

Fabio Tavarnelli, 131, stopped Abass Macauley, 132, on a cut in two.

Promoter—Egidio Tana. Attendance—1,600 (est.)
(04-22-83)

▲**SAN REMO**—Eusebio Pedroza retained his WBA featherweight title with a unanimous decision over Rocky Lockridge, 15.

Nino LaRocca knocked out Robert Sawyer in the fifth round. LaRocca is now 47-0 with 37 knockouts.

Nicola Cirelli outpointed Mabobo Kamunga, Zaire, in a dull light heavyweight eight.

Mweby Beya halted Walter Borghesi in the first round, middles.

Featherweight prospect Salvatore Bottiglieri halted Carlo Compiano in 1:28 of the first round. Bottigliari now has 11 wins.
(04-24-83)

▲**SAVONA**—Italian junior lightweight champion Alfredo Baininger outpointed Sammy Meck, eight. Raininger, who will now challenge European champion Roberto Castanon, thus brought his mark to 26-2.

Daniel Falconi halted Belgian-based heavyweight Marco Vitaglione in round five. It was Falconi's seventh win.

Featherweight Carlo Quintano stopped Gabriele DiStazio in the fourth round.

Lightweight Francesco Mascaro outpointed Francesco Pestorino, six.
(04-28-83)

EUROPEAN RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lucien Rodriguez (France)
1. Frank Bruno (England)
2. Joe Bugner (England)
3. Domenico Adinolfi (Italy)
4. David Pearce (Wales)
5. Sylvain Watbled (France)
6. Alfredo Evangelista (Spain)
7. Neville Meade (Wales)
8. Mary Konate (France)
9. Anders Eklund (Sweden)
10. Felipe Rodriguez (Spain)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Rudi Koopmans (Netherlands)
1. Richard Caramanolis (France)
2. Manfred Jassman (Germany)
3. Tom Collins (England)
4. Alex Blanchard (Holland)
5. Walter Cevoli (Italy)
6. Hocine Tafer (France)
7. Gennaro Mauriello (Italy)
8. Rufino Angulo (France)
9. Dennis Andries (England)
10. Nicola Cirelli (Italy)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Louis Acaries (France)
1. Tony Sibson (England)
2. Roy Gumbs (England)
3. Mark Kaylor (England)
4. Matteo Salvemini (Italy)
5. Stephane Ferrara (France)
6. Frank Wissenbach (Germany)
7. Joel Bonnetaz (France)
8. Angelo LaMattina (Italy)
9. Pierre-Frank Winterstein (France)
10. Jacques Chinon (France)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Herol Graham (England)
1. Luigi Minchillo (Italy)
2. Germain LaMaitre (France)
3. Marijan Benes (Yugoslavia)
4. Fred Coranson (France)
5. Ernesto Ros (Italy)
6. Richard Rodriguez (France)
7. Prince Rodney (England)
8. Daniele Zappaterra (Italy)
9. Jimmy Batten (England)
10. Jimmy Cable (England)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Colin Jones (Wales)
2. Kirkland Laing (England)
3. Hans Henrik Palm (Denmark)
4. Gianfranco Rosi (Italy)
5. Gilles Elbilia (France)
6. Everaldo Costa (Italy)
7. Jo Kimpuani (France)
8. Lloyd Honeyghan (England)
9. Claude Lancastre (France)
10. Perico Fernandez (Spain)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Patrizio Oliva (Italy)
1. Giovanni Gimenez (Italy)
2. Clinton McKenzie (England)
3. Jose Ramon Gomez Fouz (Spain)
4. Ace Rusevski (Yugoslavia)
5. Antonio Guinaldo (Spain)
6. Roberto Gambini (France)
7. Giuseppe Martinese (Italy)
8. Francisco Leon (Spain)
9. Bruno Simili (Italy)
10. Alan Lamb (England)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Lucio Cusma (Italy)
1. George Feeney (England)
2. Ray Cattouse (England)
3. Giuseppe Gibilisco (Italy)
4. Rene Weller (Germany)
5. Tony Willis (England)
6. Sebastiano Sotgia (Italy)
7. Jose A. Garcia (Spain)
8. Charles Jurietti (France)
9. Winston Spencer (England)
10. Alessandro Scapecchi (Italy)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Roberto Castanon (Spain)
1. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (England)
2. Alfredo Raininger (Italy)
3. Carlos Hernandez (France)
4. Michel Siracusa (France)
5. Daniel Londas (France)
6. Lorenzo Paciullo (Italy)
7. Carlos M. Rodriguez (Spain)
8. Francis Tripp (France)
9. Salvatore Liscapade (Italy)
10. Marco Gallo (Italy)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Loris Stecca (Italy)
1. Barry McGuigan (Ireland)
2. Salvatore Melluzzo (Italy)
3. Steve Sims (Wales)
4. Esteban Eguia (Spain)
5. Jean Marc Renard (Belgium)
6. Kamel Djadda (France)
7. Giuseppe LaVite (Italy)
8. Frank Lussi (France)
9. Jose Luis Vicho (Spain)
10. Paul Huggins (England)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Giuseppe Fossati (Italy)
1. Valerio Nati (Italy)
2. Davy Larmour (Ireland)
3. Hugh Russell (Ireland)
4. John Feeney (England)
5. Walter Giorgetti (Italy)
6. Paolo Castrovilli (Italy)
7. Jose Antunez (Spain)
8. Luis de la Sagra (Spain)
9. Roberto Serreli (Italy)
10. Carlo Raviaoli (Italy)

FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Charlie Magri (England)
2. Keith Wallace (England)
3. Franco Cherchi (Italy)
4. Kelvin Smart (Wales)
5. Antoine Montero (France)
6. Ciro De Leva (Italy)
7. Gianpiero Pinna (Italy)
8. Mariano Garcia (Spain)
9. Enrique Rodriguez (Spain)
10. Giovanni Camputaro (Italy)

LUXEMBOURG

▲**RUMELANGE**—Rafael Paoletti took his winning score to six by forcing Eric Ceriac to retire in round four.
(03-26-83)

NETHERLANDS

▲**ROTTERDAM**—Win Thijssen outscored Marnix Heytens, six rounds, middleweights.

Gerrie Sloof outpointed Jacques Schriecke, six, middles.
(04-25-83)

SWITZERLAND

▲**GENEVA**—Veteran Dominique Cesari and Spanish featherweight Lorenzo Martinez drew, eight. Cesari turned 37 in May, 1983.
(02-02-83)

▲**GENEVA**—Antoine Montero halted Cuago N'Go in the third round, when the towel was thrown in. Montero, 26, the French flyweight champion, is now 16-0-1. He's a southpaw, and will face Keith Wallace of England for the vacant European title later on this year.
(05-04-83)

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UNITED KINGDOM

▲**LONDON—Alexandra Pavilion**—Joe Bugner, 231½, made it four wins in a row all inside the distance, in his campaign to fight for the world heavyweight title. He beat American Danny Sutton, 207, the bout being stopped in the ninth round of a scheduled 10 when Sutton sustained a deep cut on the right eyebrow.

Sutton didn't appreciate the decision, and his manager, Don King, was emphatic that his boxer had won six rounds and was perfectly capable of continuing.

The fans too didn't take kindly to the stoppage, and voiced their disapproval, but, in this respect, Bugner was quite right when he confirmed that Sutton's deep cut was right down to the bone, and that it would have been asking for trouble for Sutton to continue.

The above are the facts about the stoppage, but it was doubtful whether Sutton won more than two rounds, and looked considerably shaken in round seven, when he was clinging on for dear life.

Again in round eight, Sutton seemed in trouble, but Bugner didn't follow up his advantage. The cut came in that round. Referee Mike Jacobs inspected the injury, but allowed the fight to proceed.

However, after only 39 seconds of round nine, the referee adjudged that the cut was too serious for Sutton to continue.

Although he won, and would also have done so had it gone the distance, Bugner's display was nothing like as good as previously. After the way he had disposed of Dino Dennis in the same ring, the fans expected as much fire and aggression on this occasion. They didn't get it.

Kenyan Mike Irungu, 118, now resident in Denmark, easily outpointed Peter Jones, Gorseinon, 117, Britain's number three bantam, over eight by 79-76½. Jones was down twice.

Irungu is a leading contender for the Commonwealth title, and was just too good for the game.little Welshman.

Mick Courtney, Finchley, 155, drew with Martin Patrick, Tottenham, over eight. Patrick thus kept his unbeaten record.

Jimmy Price, Liverpool, 167, outpointed Willie Wright, Birmingham, 166, over six by 59½-58. The latter was a late substitute, and did well to extend Prior, who was cut by the right eye.

Debutant Graham Brett, 132, kayoed Jimmy Young, Manchester, another newcomer, 131, at the end of round three, the count continuing after the bell.

Devon Bailey, Battersea, 169, beat Dave Armstrong, Hackney, 176½, the referee intervening in round two after Armstrong had been down three times.

Gary Knight, West Ham, 141, narrowly outscored Kevin Pritchard, Liverpool, 139, over eight by 78½-78.
(04-20-83)

▲**LONDON—Royal Albert Hall**—Heavyweight prospect Frank Bruno, 217½, beat Eddie Neilson, Swindon, 219, the bout being stopped in round three. Neilson was decked by a right hand, his fourth knockdown. The count had reached six when the referee decided that Neilson's cut right eye was too severe for him to continue.

Neilson was ready to continue, but the gash was a deep one, and the decision was correct. Eddie was never really in the hunt. He was down in the opening session on three occasions, and found that his superior experience was no good against his younger, eager, and competent opponent.

His right eye was cut in that hectic first round, but he rallied in round two, scoring with a few body punches that didn't seem to bother Bruno, who jabbed accurately and was happy to take his time.

Round three—Neilson forced his man back against the ropes, but as he came within range Bruno threw a right hand that appeared to land bang on the cut. Down went Eddie, whereupon the referee intervened after 25 seconds of the round.

By a coincidence, it was a similar eye injury that caused Neilson's defeat against Joe Bugner.

So once again it was a case of "anything you can do I can do

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Trevor Berbick (Canada)
1. Frank Bruno (England)
2. Joe Bugner (England)
3. Gordon Racette (Canada)
4. Neville Meade (Wales)
5. David Pearce (Wales)
6. Ken Lakusta (Canada)
7. Maile Haumona (Tonga)
8. Conroy Nelson (Canada)
9. Stewart Lithgo (England)
10. Funso Banjo (England)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Colin Jones (Wales)
1. Kirkland Laing (England)
2. Mark Harris (Guyana)
3. Mario Cusson (Canada)
4. Frank Ropis (Australia)
5. Lloyd Honeyghan (England)
6. Josef Nsubuga (Uganda)
7. Sakarai Ve (Tonga)
8. Cliff Gilpin (England)
9. Fitzroy Giuseppe (Belize)
10. Chris Clarke (Canada)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Azumah Nelson (Nigeria)
1. Charm Chiteule (Zambia)
2. Steve Sims (Wales)
3. Barry McGuigan (Ireland)
4. Kabiru Akendele (Nigeria)
5. Jey Nardo (Zimbabwe)
6. Paul Huggins (England)
7. Thunder Clottey (Ghana)
8. Clyde Ruan (England)
9. Tony Salvatore (Canada)
10. Jimmy Duncan (England)

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1. Tony Mundine (Australia)
2. John Odhiambo (Uganda)
3. Mustapha Wasajja (Zambia)
4. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
5. Tom Collins (England)
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7. Roddy McDonald (Canada)
8. Don LaLonde (Canada)
9. Kid Power (Zimbabwe)
10. Dennis Andries (England)

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Champion
Billy Famous (Nigeria)
1. Obisia Nwankpa (Nigeria)
2. Clinton McKenzie (England)
3. Lennox Blackmoore (Guyana)
4. Brian Janssen (Australia)
5. Peter Berrigan (Australia)
6. Jeff Malcolm (Australia)
7. Alan Lamb (England)
8. Nick Furlano (Canada)
9. Terry Marsh (England)
10. Vernon Vanriel (England)

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Champion
Paul Ferreri (Australia)
1. Mike Irungu (Kenya)
2. Francis Musankabala (Zambia)
3. Davy Larmour (No. Ireland)
4. Hugh Russell (No. Ireland)
5. John Feeney (England)
6. Stix Macloud (Zimbabwe)
7. Glenn Walsh (Australia)
8. Peter Jones (Wales)
9. Little Joe (Nigeria)
10. Hector Clottey (Ghana)

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3. Ralph Hollett (Canada)
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10. Errol Christie (England)

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3. Davidson Andeh (Nigeria)
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6. John Summerhays (Canada)
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9. Tony Willis (England)
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Champion
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2. Stephen Muchoki (Kenya)
3. Ian Clyde (Canada)
4. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)
5. Kelvin Smart (Wales)
6. Steve Bell (Australia)
7. Kid Sumaila (Ghana)
8. Junior Thompson (Australia)
9. Bobby Williams (Australia)
10. Willie White (Australia)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
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2. Kenny Bristol (Guyana)
3. John Mugabi (Uganda)
4. Reggie Ford (Guyana)
5. Jimmy Batten (England)
6. Ken Salisbury (Australia)
7. Prince Rodney (England)
8. Brian Anderson (England)
9. Billy Johnstone (Australia)
10. Darwin Brewster (Wales)

Junior lightweight champion: Langton Tinago (Zimbabwe). Contenders: Cornelius Boza-Edwards (England), Tiger Man (Papua), Safiu Okeibadan (Nigeria), John Muwunga (Tanzania), Dennis Talbot (Australia).

better" in the Bugner-Bruno build-up. It took Joe five rounds to beat Neilson.

Bugner has gone on record as saying that he is no longer interested in a confrontation with Bruno. He says he is concentrating on a world title shot. However, money talks, and it would come as no surprise if these two eventually met. It would surely be a sell-out.

Boxing's a funny old sport. Lloyd Honeyghan, the Southern Area welter champ, was due to meet Midlands Area titleholder Cliff Gilpin in a final eliminator for Colin Jones' British title on this bill. Then suddenly, Jones decided to give up his national crown in order to concentrate on his return world title fight with Milton McCrory.

So the final eliminator was promoted to a contest for the vacant British title. Honeyghan won on points by 119-117 over 12, a fair scoreline. It was Lloyd's 15th successive win as a pro.

So yet another champion from the stable of Terry Lawless, and thoroughly deserved. Honeyghan, 146¾, survived a torrid opening session in which Gilpin belted away non-stop for around a minute, and, in round two, Lloyd was briefly on the canvas from a right hand.

For some unknown reason, Gilpin did not continue his assault, and allowed Lloyd to not only get back into the fight, but take over. A switch from southpaw to orthodox did nothing to improve Gilpin's chances, and he soon switched back again.

In round nine, Gilpin was down without a count, and Honeyghan was now in the lead. Both tired in the final three rounds, with Honeyghan keeping in front but Gilpin never giving up, and contesting the last session fiercely.

Funso Banjo, West Ham, 227, didn't lose a round in outpointing American Ricky Keller, 223½, over eight by 80-77½. There were no knockdowns, and the rounds were repetitious, with too much clinching in the closing stages.

Anyone who tackles wily Billy Waith, Cardiff, that veteran of around 100 fights, must know they are in for a frustrating time. Billy's defense is so good, and if only his attack was half as good, he'd be a British champion.

On this occasion, he came in as a substitute to meet former Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist Chris Pyatt, who was having only his second pro fight.

Pyatt, Leicester, 152¾, kept on the attack throughout, and finally caught up with Billy in the eighth and final round. Waith was decked by a right hand, but got up, only to be subjected to further punishment, and the referee stopped it with just five seconds of the fight remaining.

Ray Gilbody, Liverpool, 119½, three times British amateur champion, won his second pro fight by beating Steve Cleak, Porthcawl, 126, who was disqualified near the end of round six of a scheduled eight for persistent infringements. Gilbody looked in front at that stage.

Cameron Lithgow, Swindon, 161¼, scored his fourth straight quick victory by beating Dave Scott, Telford, 163¾, the referee intervening in round five when Scott was cut inside the mouth. Lithgow looked ahead, although Scott was still very much in the fight.

Jim McDonnell, Stepney, 128, beat Willie Wilson, Nottingham, 132, the bout being stopped in round three with substitute Wilson under pressure.

▲MANCHESTER—Windermere Suite, Belle Vue—Two years ago, Eddie Smith, Manchester, 164, was involved in a car accident, and at one time it was doubtful if he would box again. However, he came through his ordeal well, and in his second comeback fight kayoed Mick Morris, Wolverhampton, 164, in round five.

Smith took a long time to settle down, and Morris could have been ahead when a hard right sent the Wolverhampton through the bottom rope and partly out of the ring, well and truly "out."

Ian Lazarus, Leeds, 180, narrowly outpointed Irish light heavyweight champion Jonjo Green, 177, by 78½-78 over eight.

Willie Wright, Birmingham, 162, kayoed Mick Mills, Sheffield, 156, in round five with a hefty right hand.

Bobby Rimmer, Manchester, 147, beat Alex Brown, Willesden, 147, the referee intervening in round three after Brown had been down.

Dave Harrison, 154, outscored Dave Heaver, Doncaster, 156, over six by 59½-58½.

Down twice, Mark Duffy, Leeds, 144, was adjudged to have outpointed Gary Lucas, Liverpool, over six by 59½-58½.

Phil O'Hare, 157, floored Crewe's Mark Kelly twice and outpointed him over six by 59½-58½.
(03-28-83)

▲BIRMINGHAM—Arden Sporting Club—Paul Chance, Wednesbury, 144½, outpointed Steve Tempro, Leicester, 147, over eight by 79-78.

Cordwell Hylton, Walsall, 175, beat Don Stacey, Battersea, 173, the stoppage coming in just 50 seconds, after the latter had been down twice from right hands.

Wayne Hawkins, Bloxwich, also won in the opening round, beating Rex Weaver, Leicester, 157, on the referee's intervention.

Alan Ash, Carshalton, 176, defeated Johnny Elliott, Telford, 172, who retired at the end of round three with an injured left thumb.
(03-28-83)

▲HULL—Tiffany's Night Club—Steve Pollard, Hull, 124½, won the Central Area featherweight title by beating champion Steve Farnsworth, 124, the bout being stopped in round two with the latter under pressure.

Farnsworth had been inactive for nearly 12 months, and looked very ring rusty.

Peter Flanagan, Manchester, 139½, narrowly outpointed Bobby Welburn, Hull, 139, over six in a rousing scrap.

Chris Moorcroft, Liverpool, 127½, drew with Stuart Carmichael, Hull, 127. A good crowd pleaser.

Wayne Crolla, Manchester, 152½, gained a six-round points victory over Gary Petty, Hull, 152, in another interesting contest.
(03-29-83)

▲LIVERPOOL—Stadium—Clinton McKenzie, Croydon, 139½, kept his British light welter crown by outpointing Alan Lamb, Lancaster, 140, over 12 by 118-117.

McKenzie boxed a fine tactical battle against an opponent who never stopped trying and wouldn't concede an inch. The pace was a hot one, and continued right up to the final bell.

The champion had the edge in most aspects of the fight—a more varied approach, the cleaner punching—and being a southpaw made things a little more difficult for his aggressive and enthusiastic opponent.

Lamb was throwing punches throughout, but many were either blocked or parried by McKenzie, and it was here that experience told, the champion having had twice as many bouts as the challenger.

Excellent attendance, and plenty to enthuse over. Full marks to both contestants.

Tony Willis, Liverpool, 133½, defeated Robbie Robinson, Liverpool, 135, who was retired at the end of round four with a cut by the left eye. When they met previously, Robinson also lost on cuts.

Robinson announced his retirement from the ring over the microphone, and had the satisfaction of sharing £87 nobbins which the fans tossed in. He had taken part in three eliminators for British titles, winning one and losing the two to Willis. Robbie got a fine ovation, but his eye injury needed six stitches.

John Farrell, Kirkby, 117½, won the Central Area bantamweight crown by beating George Bailey, Bradford, 117¼, for the vacant title. Former champion Steve Enright relinquished it because he could no longer make the weight.

Farrell won in the seventh round after Bailey had been down and was under pressure. He was injured by both eyes and bled from the nose, and Farrell was well in front at that stage.

Kostas Petrou, Birmingham, 147¼, defeated Ian Murray, Birmingham, 154, who retired at the end of round three with an injured left hand.

Tony Sinnott, Liverpool, outpointed Sam Omedi, Plymouth, 142¾ over eight by 79½-77. It looks a wide margin, but Omedi strongly contested every issue.
(04-08-83)

▲LONDON—Regent Crest Hotel—T.P. Jenkins, Brentford, 163¼, kept his unbeaten record by knocking out Earl Edwards, Clapham, 165¾, in the first round with a right to the head.

Dave Scott, Telford, kayoed Gary Cable, Orpington, 163, in round two with a right hand. It was some minutes before Cable recovered.

Shaun Shinkwin, Borehamwood, outscored Chris Harvey, Mile End, 138½, over six. An excellent contest.

Brett Jefford, Basildon, 142, outscored Jimmy Singleton, Liverpool, 139¼, over six.
(03-17-83)

▲LONDON—Lyceum—David Pearce, Newport, 203, kayoed Belgian champion Al Syben, 211¼, with a left hook in 2:25 of the opening round.

A competent performance, especially as Syben holds a knockout win over British champion Neville Meade, whom Pearce now meets for the title.

Italian Guido Trane, 205½, beat Billy Aird, Liverpool, 205¼, the referee intervening in round five after Aird had been decked twice. Aird afterwards announced his retirement from the ring, something he had done several times before. This time, he says he means it.

Early on, there was no indication of an early finish. Aird dominated the first three rounds, but Syben was very strong, and in the fourth a right swing put Billy down for seven. The bell saved him.

He was floored again early in the following session, got up at eight, but was being freely punished when the stoppage came.

A milestone for referee Sid Nathan. It was the 1000th bout in which he had officiated.

Mick Courtney, Finchley, 157½, outpointed Phil O'Hare, Manchester, 156, over eight by 79-77½.

Keith James, Norwich, 166, avenged a previous defeat by outpointing Conrad Oscar, Paddington, 164½, over eight by 79-77½. A fine scrap, toe-to-toe stuff. James bled from the nose, but kept going, and it looked closer than the scoreline suggests.

Bert Myrie, Wolverhampton, 150, defeated Sylvester Gordon, Peckham, 146½, the bout being stopped in the opening round when Gordon was cut by the left eye.

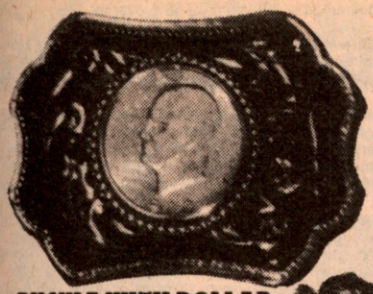
John Moody, Southend, 174½, outpointed Jonjo Green, Manchester, 178, over six by 59½-58½. Green is the Irish light heavyweight champ, so a good performance by Moody.
(04-07-83)

▲LONDON—Alan Minter Sporting Club—Jimmy Cable, Orpington, 155¾, confirmed a previous victory by beating Arthur Davis, 157½, the referee intervening in round five. When they met before, Cable had won on points.

Southern Area champion Cable started the fight as he meant to go on, and at the end of the opening session Davis was marked under the left eye and bled from the nose.

In the fifth round, Davis came forward, but was caught with a right to the head. His knees buckled, Cable went after him, and another right put Davis down. The referee immediately stopped it.

Peter Eubanks, Brighton, 136½, also avenged a previous defeat by beating Mick Rowley, Merthyr, 136, the contest being halted in round six to save Rowley futher punishment. When they



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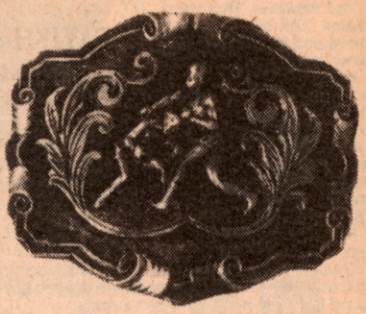

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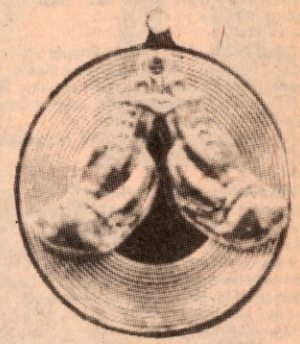

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met before, Eubanks had won on points.

Paul Newman, Rustington, 177, outpointed Alan Ash, Carshalton, 173, over six by a narrow 59-58½. Newman was cut above and below the left eye, requiring stitches. Ash also sustained facial damage.

Kevin Webb, Grove Park, 158¼, outscored Mick Williams, 158, over six by 60-58, not losing one of the six rounds.
(04-06-83)

▲**MANCHESTER—Anglo American Sporting Club—**WBC flyweight champion Charlie Magri was Guest of Honor at this show and saw an interesting night's boxing. Mark Davey, Wakefield, 137¾, kept his unbeaten record by narrowly outpointing KEvin Pritchard, Liverpool, 138, over eight by a narrow 78½-78.

Fortunes fluctuated in this one, and they battled it out fiercely right up to the final bell.

Dave Pratt, Leicester, 125½, beat Chris Moorcroft, Liverpool, 127, who was retired by his corner with injured ribs at the end of round three. He had been down thrice.

Gavin Stirrup, Middleton, 155, beat Gary Petty, Hull, 165, the referee intervening in round five with Petty cut by the right eye and taking punisment.

Bobby Wellburn, Hull, 140, drew with Mike Calderwood, Salford, 141, six.
(04-11-83)

▲**GOSFORD—**This was an Annual Charity Show in aid of the Variety Club. In the top liner, Paul Keers, Hartlepool, 132, outpointed Alex Irvine, Corby, over eight by 79½-78½.

Gordon Pratt, Stockton, 154, kayoed Dalton Jordan, Leicester, 155½, in round two.

Dave Carside, Hartlepool, 215, outscored Derek Simpkin, 217, by 59½-58 over six.
(04-11-83)

▲**BELFAST—Ulster Hall—**Barry McGuigan, Clones, 126, won the vacant British featherweight title by beating Vernon Penprase, Plymouth, 124¼, the bout being stopped in round two after the latter had been down twice.

It was a clinical, cool and decisive victory, and accomplished with what seemed to be the greatest of ease. Penprase had never been stopped before, but afterwards said he had never been hit so hard, and that even McGuigan's job felt like the kick of a mule.

Moreover, Penprase then announced his retirement from the ring, at the ripe young age of 24.

It was the quickest victory for the featherweight title since 1917, and proof, if proof were needed, that McGuigan is a bit "special," and could go on to the very highest peak.

In the opening round, Penprase was bleeding from the nose. McGuigan was hurting him with every punch, and just before the end of the round a left hand shook the Plymouth boxer.

No sooner had the bell sounded for the start of round two than McGuigan floored his man with a left hook, but Penprase was up before a count could be started. But the Irishman would not be denied. He probed forward, found no difficulty in getting through his opponent's guard, and banged away with both hands without any reply from Penprase, who went down again from a right to the head.

He rose at four, very wobbly, whereupon referee Barry Gibbs interved, just 10 seconds before the end of the round. McGuigan must now be one of Britain's best hopes for a world title at the age of 22.

Young Patsy Quinn, Belfast, 146¼, beat Tommy Davitt, 144¼, the bout being stopped in round five with the latter under pressure. This was a final eliminator for the Irish welterweight title.

Seamus McGuinnes, Belfast, 133¼, defeated Andy Thomas, Cardiff, 133½, the referee intervening in round two with Thomas bleeding from the nose and on the receiving end.

Damian Fryers, Belfast, 147½, beat Valentino Maccaranella, Swansea, 145¼, the bout being stopped round four after the latter had been down.

Michael Harris, Newport, 137¼, defeated Michael Duddy, Derry, 139¼, the referee interening in round five. Duddy was never in the fight.
(04-12-83)

▲**EVESHAM—Sporting Club—**Peter Ahmed, Cardiff, 144, outpointed Dave Sullivan, Plymouth, 146, over eight by 80-76¼, not losing a round.

The taller Ahmed kept his aggressive opponent at bay with his immaculate left hand, but could never relax.

Davey Cox, Northampton, 146, outpointed Mark Hill, Wednesbury, 147¼, over six by 59-58¼.

Paul Shell, Birmingham, 169, outscored Winston Butnett, Cardiff, 166, over six by 59-58¼.

Andy Roberts, Stoke, 147, scored a six-round points victory over Delroy Wallace, Telford, 147¼, by a narrow 59¼-59.

Graham Clarke, Cardiff, 125, outpointed Clinton Campbell, Stoke, 125, over six by 59¼-58¼.
(04-13-83)

▲**BRISTOL—Colston Hall—**Vince Gajny, Stratford on Avon, 160½, avenged a previous defeat by outpointing Nick Jenkins, Bristol, 161½, over eight by 79½-78½.

Jenkins is normally a light heavyweight, and was still over the stipulated 163 at the weigh-in. He then skipped off further poundage, and was obviously weak. This defeat broke an unbeaten seven-fight run by Jenkins.

Gajny was down in round two and Jenkins seemed to be well on top. But he ran out of steam. In round seven, Jenkins was down, looking very weary.

Mike Harris, Swansea, 139, outscored Shaun Shinkwin, Borehamwood, 130, not losing one of the six rounds, 60-58¼. An excellent contest which thoroughly deserved the ovation from the fans.

Ron (brother of Shaun) Shinkwin, 137½, didn't lose a round outpointing Graham Griffin, Corby, by 40-39½ over four.

Cliff Curtis, Swindon, 156, outpointed Steve Ward, Nottingham, 154, over six by 59½-58½. Curtis was cut by the left eye.

Colin Neagle, Merthyr, 144½, was another who didn't lose a round—scoreline 60-58½ over six against Elvis Morton, Leicester, 153½.
(04-16-83)

▲**SOUTHEND—Twentieth Century Sporting Club—**Martin McEwan, Birmingham, beat Mark Kelly, Stoke, in two rounds in a light middleweight contest. The referee intervened after Kelly was floored.

Hugh Johnson, Birmingham, 170, didn't lose a round in outscoring Geoff Rymer, Hull, 172, by 80-77½ over eight. When they met previously, Johnson also won on points.

Stuart Carmichael, Hull, beat Terry Sullivan, Islington, 124, the referee stopping the action in round five after Sullivan had been down.

▲**BASILDON—Festival Hall—**Steve Gee, Birmingham, outpointed Winston Allen, Cardiff, 201, over eight by 78½-77½. It was Gee's first bout of the year, but he put his opponent on the canvas in the final round, and in doing so fractured two knuckles of the right hand, which will put him out of action for another six months.

James Cook, Peckham, 159, outscored Dudley McKenzie, Croydon, 163, by 79½-77½ over eight. McKenzie was down in round six, but got up immediately.

Chris King, 153, won a battle of debutants by beating Kevin Stevens, Plymouth, 152, the referee intervening in the opening round with Stevens on the receiving end.

Hughroy Currie, Catford, 211, kayoed Mick Chmilowskyj, Dagenham, 198, in round one with a right to the head. Their third meeting, with two wins to Currie.
(04-14-83)

▲**GLASGOW—Morleys Nite Spot—**Charlie Malarkey, 148, Glasgow, rated number four in the welterweight division, outpointed Lloyd Hibbert, West Bromwich, 152, ranked number five over eight by 79½-77.

A conclusive victory by Malarkey, with Hibbert down in round two from a right to the head.

Tommy Cooke, Larkhall, 142, outpointed Dave Heaver, Doncaster, 148, by 80-77½ over eight, not losing a round. Cooke was cut by the left eye, and did well to overcome this handicap—also conceding nearly half a stone.

Dave Haggerty, 138, drew with Keith Foreman, Hartlepool, also 138, over eight.

Dave Savage, Glasgow, didn't lose a round in his pro debut outpointing Alan Storey, Sunderland, 138, over six by 60-58.
(04-11-83)

▲**LONDON—National Sporting Club—**There are usually two contests on this traditional Ladies Night program, but it was cut to one when one of the boxers had car trouble on the motorway and couldn't make it.

Over six rounds, Brett Stiles, Newport, outpointed Dave Pratt, Leicester, by 59-58 in an excellent contest. Pratt got off to a fine start, but was overhauled by Stiles, was looked tired in the final round—which Pratt won.

Never much between these two.
(04-15-83)

▲**GLASGOW—St. Andrews Sporting Club—**Dave George, Swansea, 116¼, former flyweight contender, now bantam, outpointed Danny Flynn, the number two flyweight, Edinburgh, 112¾, over eight by 79-78. Flynn was previously unbeaten.

Tommy McCallum, 141¼, drew with Jeff Decker, Whitley Bay, 142¼, over eight.

Debutant Jim McIntosh, Glasgow, beat welterweight Tyrell Wilson, Newport, the bout being stopped in round five after the latter had been down in the previous round and was under pressure.

Another debutant, George Kerr, Glasgow, beat Ray Toss, Ardglass, the stoppage coming just as the bell ended the second round.

▲**BRADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club—**Keith Foreman, Hartlepool, beat Mervyn Bennett, Cardiff, the referee intervening when Bennett was cut by both eyes in round six. The injuries required 12 stitches. Both boxers accepted this contest at 24 hours' notice when the original top liner fell through owing to one of the principals suffering from influenza.

Bobby Rimmer, Manchester, 144, outpointed Tommy Bennett, Sheffield, 145, over six by 59¼-58¼. A rousing battle, with Bennett down in the final round, and the patrons throwing in nobbins to the value of over £70 in appreciation.

Bobby McGowan, Leeds, 142, beat Shaun Dooney, Stockton, 140, the bout being halted in round two.

Gordon Pratt, Stockton, 148, didn't lose a round in outpointing Dave Heaver, Doncaster, 150, over six. Scoreline: 60-58.
(04-18-83)

▲**SOUTH SHIELDS—Buddy's Nitespot—**Brian Anderson, Sheffield, 158, beat Graeme Ahmed, 153, who retired at the end of round five with a cut by the left eye.

Anderson, rated number three in Britain, was too good for Ahmed, ranked number seven, aggressive, but without much success, apart from one brief period in round five. When Ahmed was cut, Anderson stepped up the pace and a right to the chin put Ahmed on the canvas.

He rose at eight; then the bell rang. Ahmed retired during the interval, and the injury needed four stitches.

Barry (brother of Graeme) Ahmed, 161½, drew with Sammy Brennan, Liverpool 166, eight.

Ray Plant, South Shields, 124, outscored Steve Enwright, Halifax, 124, over six by 79½-78½.

Dave Garside, Hartlepool, 213, beat debutant Steve Abadom, Newcastle, 189½, the bout being stopped at the end of round four when the latter was cut by the right eye and needed three stitches. Garside was a substitute.

Michael Armstrong, Shildon, 190½, another debutant, outpointed sub Eddie Cooper, Bradford, 183½, over six by 60-58½, not losing a round.
(04-20-83

▲**LONDON—National Sporting Club—**After nearly 18 months' inactivity through an injured right hand, Welsh featherweight champion Don George, 124, outpointed Mark West, Newhaven, 126½, over eight by 79½-78. George was cut by both eyes, and West by the left.

Jim Paton, Paisley, 139½, outpointed Frankie Lake, Plymouth, 139, over eight by 79-78. A rousing set-to which brought nobbins.

Tony Borg, Cardiff, 125, beat Mich Hollison, Bradford, 127¼, the referee intervening in round two when Hollison had stopped hitting back. He had been down in the opening round.

Andrew Gerrard, Newport, 205, narrowly outscored Mark Cleverly, Southampton, 208½, by 59-58½ over six. This avenged a previous defeat.

▲**SOLIHULL—Midlands Sporting Club—**Kostas Petrou, Birmingham, 145½, beat Dennis Sullivan, Plymouth, 146, the bout being stopped in round four after the latter had been floored right on the bell.

Tony Brown, Liverpool, 143½, gained a narrow one over Martin McGough, Coventry, 141¾. Scoreline: 79-78½ after eight.

It's not very often you get a fight with three decisions, but it happens to Martin McEwan, Birmingham, 165, and Tony Burke, Croydon, 163¼. In round two, Burke went down for eight from a right hand.

He got up, only to be decked again from another right hand, and when the count had reached two the referee stopped it. It was around a minute before Burke recovered after laying motionless.

The verdict that it had been stopped to save Burke unnecessary punishment had already been announced. Then came another announcement that the decision had been changed to a knockout. Then it was changed back to the original verdict.

Alex Romeo, Leicester, 175, kayoed Gary Jones, Stirling, 176, in the sixth and final round.
(04-20-83)

▲**LONDON—Acton Assembly Halls—**Rocky Kelly, Acton, 151, kayoed Bert Myrie, Wolverhampton, 154, in round four with a right hook. A good fight while it lasted, and the fans threw in nobbins.

Gary Hobbs, Acton, 164, beat DIno Wallace, Wolverhampton, 166, the referee intervening in round three after Wallace had been decked. When they met before, Hobbs won on points.

Tony Rabbetts, Heston, 152¼, outpointed Errol Dennis, Wolverhampton, 152½, over six by 59½-58½.

Tommy Eastwood, Epsom, 192¼, outscored Steve Howard, Battersea, 220, by 60-57½, not losing any of the six rounds. Howard has now retired from the ring.

Debutant Danny Williams, Romney Marsh, 146¼ outpointed Cliff (brother of Tommy) Eastwood, 150, over four by a narrow 39½-39.

Alex Brown, Willesden, 152, didn't lose a round outscoring Cornelius Chisolm, 152. Wolverhampton, over six by 60-57½. It was Chisolm's pro debut.
(04-25-83)

▲**LONDON—Anglo American Sporting Club—**Paul Huggins, Hastings, 125¼, kept his Southern Area featherweight title by beating Rory Burke, Ipswich, 126, the bout being stopped in round seven with Burke under pressure. There were hot protests, as Burke had not been down, although he was marked by both eyes.

Huggins too did not escape unscathed. He injured his right hand in the opening stages, but even his left hand alone was too much for the plucky Burke.

Joey Joynson, Huntingdon, 128, beat Stuart Shaw, Nottingham, 128¼, the bout being stopped in the opening round with the latter under pressure and not fighting back.

Tony Britton, Lewisham, 156¾, easily outpointed Midlands Area light middle champ Dennis Sheehan, 157, over eight by 79½-77. Sheehan was marked by both eyes and had been floored twice.
(04-25-83)

▲**ABERDEEN—Skean Dhu Hotel—**Welsh middleweight champion Doug James, 162, beat Cameron Lithgow, Swindon, 158, the bout being stopped in the eighth and final round after the latter had been decked in the previous session.

A hectic scrap. Both bled from the nose and Lithgow, unbeaten in four previous contests, seemed on top at the halfway stage. However, he faded after that, and Hames was a worthy winner.

Jim Harvey, Glasgow, 125¼, drew with Peter Harris, Swansea, 126, over four.

Dave Savage, Glasgow, 134½, outpointed Michael Harris, Swansea, 136, over six by 59½-58½. It was Harris' first setback in seven bouts.

Robert DIckie, Swansea, 118, beat Charlie Brown, Glasgow, 115½, the referee intervening in the fourth and final round with Brown on the receiving end.
(04-25-83)

▲**LONDON—National Sporting Club—**Ian McLeod, Edinburgh, 137, drew with Jeff Decker, Whitley Bay, 136½, over eight. Decker thus kept his unbeated record in a fine contest—although, towards the close, he bled from the nose, and McLeod seemed the stronger at the end.

Jim McIntosh, Edinburgh, 149, outpointed Lee McKenzie, Croydon, 147, by a narrow 78½-78 over eight. Fine performance by McIntosh, having only his second bout.

Steve Ellwood, Camberwell, 141½, outscored George Kerr, Dundee, 139, over six by 59½-58½. It was Steve's fifth win in a row.

Glyn Mitchell, Plymouth, 147, outpointed Shaun Campbell, 144, Aldershot, over six by 59½-58. An all-southpaw battle, with Mitchell always the busier and the more accurate.
(04-25-83)

▲**STEVENAGE—Leisure Centre—**Errol Christie, Coventry, 162½, kayoed American Sam Leonard, 157, in the opening round with a left hook to the head. A fine victory by the 19-year-old middleweight prospect, who took full advantage of a lapse in concentration by the American.

It was Christie's fourth pro win in a total of less than eight rounds, and he looks like a real prospect for high honors. However, he will have to be patient, for even if he proves worthy of a British title shot, the rules state that he cannot do so until he is 21 years old.

Andrew Straughn, Hitchin, 178½, beat Theo Josephs, Huddersfield, 185, the referee intervening in round three with Josephs under pressure and marked by left eye.

Richard Wilson, Nuneaton, didn't lose a round in outpointing Derek McKenzie, Fulham, 150, over eight by 80-77½.

Clyde Ruan, Slough, 129, defeated substitute John Sharkey, Glasgow, 127½, the bout being stopped in round four when the latter had been floored and was cut by the left eye.

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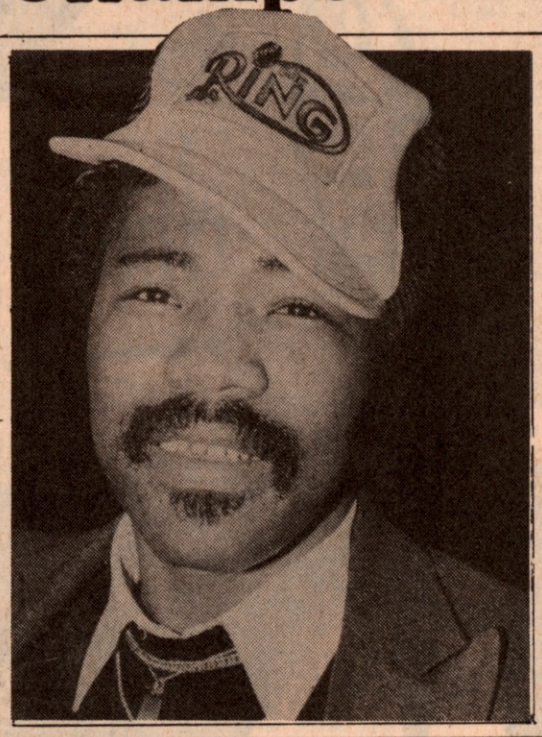

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A good performance by Sharkey, who put his man on the canvas in round three, but Ruan got up and proved the stronger. (04-21-83)

▲**LONDON—Elephant & Castle Leisure Centre—**Former British lightweight champion Ray Cattouse, Balham, 137¼, beat Scottish champion Willie Booth, Airdrie, 137, the referee intervening in round seven with Booth taking punishment.

A good comeback by Cattouse, boxing for the first time since losing his national title five months earlier. From round three, he found his ring legs, and from then on it was just a matter of time—although the plucky Booth wouldn't concede an inch.

As early as round five, some were shouting for the bout to be stopped. But Booth kept punching back, and, indeed, Cattouse's left eye was cut in round six. In the end, Ray's heavier punching was the deciding factor.

Cordwell Hylton, Walsall, 174, outscored Alex Tompkins, Bow, 178¼, over eight by 79½-76½. A conclusive victory for Hylton against a below par Tompkins, who bled from the nose.

T.P. Jenkins, Brentford, 161¼, kept his unbeaten record by narrowly outpointing Conrad Oscar, Lewisham, 164, over eight by 78½-78. Jenkins was on top early on, but Oscar got back on even terms, and it looked as if everthing depended on the last round, a toe-to-toe affair.

Johnny Grant, Enfield, 139, outpointed Terry Connor, Forest Hill, 138¼, by 59½-59, and there were those who disagreed with this verdict after six hard rounds.

Grant was down in round four from a right to the jaw, but Connor was cut by the left eye in the same round and was warned on a few occassions for infringements.

Chris Harvey, Stepney, 138¼, outpointed Ronnie Shinkwin, Borehamwood, 139 over four by 39½-39. It was as close as the scoreline suggests, and the fans enjoyed it.

Dwight Osbourne, Hammersmith, 177¼, drew with Billy Cassidy, Edmonton, 172¾, over six. Cassidy bled from the nose. (04-25-83)

▲**LONDON—York Hall—**Terry Marsh, Basildon, 139¾, won the vacant Southern Area light welter championship, and didn't lose a round outpointing Vernon Vanreil, Tottenham, 139, over 10 by 100-97.

An excellent contest with Marsh starting surprisingly quickly, and keeping the busier throughout. Vanreil tried so hard to get to grips, but Terry was too quick for him, and was always countering accurately.

Both were warned on several occasions after head clashes, and in round four Marsh was cut on the scalp. In round eight, Vanreil knocked his opponent's gumshield out of his mouth, but still couldn't find an opening for his big right hand.

R.W. (Robert) Smith, St. Ives, 152¾, kept his unbeaten record and didn't lose a round outpointing Randy Henderson, Peckham, 153¾, by 60-57½ over six. Smith was cut and grazed by the eyes, which could have been the result of head clashes but he overcame these handicaps in fine style, always keeping the busier against a tough opponent who contributed more than the scoreline suggests.

Jim McDonnell, Stepney, 126¾, defeated Ray Plany, South Shields, 122½, the bout being stopped in round three after the latter had been down three times.

Gunther Roomes, Eltham, 142, beat Sam Omidi, Plymouth, 144½, the referee intervening in round three after Omidi had been down.

John Bibby, Bedford, 145¼, kept his unbeaten record by outpointing Peter Ahmed, Cardiff, 143, over eight by 79-78. The fans loved it, and tossed in nobbins. Bibby was cut by the left eye in round seven but kept going and was a worthy winner.

John Moody, Rayleigh, 172½, defeated Paul Shell, Birmingham, 174½, who retired at the end of round three with an injured left wrist. He was also cut on the head, bleeding from the nose, and Moody looked clearly in front. (04-26-83)

▲**LIVERPOOL—Holiday Inn—**Gavin Stirrup, Manchester, 152¾, beat Nick Riozzi, Leicester, 153, the bout being stopped when the latter had been down and had sustained a broken nose.

Les Walsh, Manchester, 127, beat Steve Benny, Liverpool, 128, the referee intervening in round two after Benny had been decked from a right hand. Both were having their first pro fight.

Howard Williams, Merthyr, 118, beat Colin Moorcroft, Liverpool, 116, the stoppage coming in round three.

Colin Neagle, Merthyr, 146, outscored Mike Calderwood, Salford, 146, over six by 60-57, winning every round. (04-25-83)

▲**LONDON—Royal Albert Hall—**Frank Bruno, at 21 the best heavyweight prospect in Britain, 217, stopped American Barry Funches, 203, in 52 seconds of round five, referee Harry Gibbs intervening after Funches had been down.

For four rounds, the 34-year-old Funches had managed to keep out of trouble, using his experience, and Bruno followed instructions to show respect for his opponent—jabbing with his left, getting his range, testing Funches' defense.

When Funches didn't go down by the end of round four, it meant that Bruno would have to enter unknown territory. All his previous fights were over by then.

But when the bell rang for the start of round five, things began to happen. Again following instruction, Bruno immediately went to the attack, and a right hand caught his opponent flush on the jaw.

Down he went like a sack of potatoes. He was up at nine, on rubbery legs, whereupon another couple of rights to the head sent him staggering across the ring. Then came the referee's timely intervention.

Funches was full of praise for Bruno, remarking—"That right uppercut really hurt. And he has a great left jab, too. He's a fine prospect, and it's good that he should be going to the States for experience. I'd say he could take most of the heavyweights over there right now."

Bruno was happy with his victory, but admitted—"Funches made me think much more than any of my previous opponents. My manager, Terry Lawless, planned the fight, told me to feel him out in the early rounds, and when the fifth came up he told me to go out and get him. Which I did."

Terry confirmed this, and added—"This was Frank's most polished performance to date. When we get to America he will be sparring half a dozen rounds every day, and against really top class opposition."

On the same bill, Mark Kaylor, West Ham, 160¼, kept his unbeaten record by stopping American Bob West 157¾, in five rounds, the referee intervening with West taking punishment. This was a warm-up for Kaylor's forthcoming challenge to Roy Gumbs for the latter's British and Commonwealth middleweight titles.

George Kerr, Dundee, 140, beat Terry Smith, Forest Hill, the ligthweight bout being stopped in round three after Smith had been down three times.

In a bantam bout, Ivor Jones, Holloway, 115, beat Rocky Roberts, Wolverhampton, 112, the referee intervening in round four with Roberts under pressure.

After over a year's inactivity, Rudi Pika, Cardiff, 217½, returned to defeat Eddie Neilson, Swindon, 221½, the bout being halted at the end of round seven. Heavyweight Pika thus kept his unbeaten record. Neilson's right eye was completely closed, but he protested.

Middleweights Cameron Lighgo Swindon, 158¼, and Willie Wright, Birmingham, 161, drew, six, and the fans threw in nobbins.
(05-31-83)

▲**SHEFFIELD—City Hall—**British and Commonwealth light middleweight champion Herol Graham, 152¼, added the European crown to his tally by knocking out Zaire-born, Belgian-based Clemente Tehinza, 152, in round two.

Tahinza was never in the fight. He was down in the opening round, took the compulsory eight count, and managed to hang on until the end of the round—only to be decked again for four, then for the full count by a left hand.

Brian Anderson, Sheffield, 157, won the vacant Central Area middleweight title by beating substitute Jimmy Ellis,Sheffield, 158, thee referee intervening in round nine after Ellis had been down.

Only a week earlier, Ellis had drawn with Sammy Brennan for the title, and could well have been feeling the effects.

Central Area lightweight champion Jimmy Bunclarke, 131½, kept his crown by defeating Vince Vahey, 133, the bout being stopped in the opening round after a left hand put Vahey on the canvas. He was up at the six, and protested vigorously at the referee's intervention.

Tommy Bennett, Sheffield, outpointed Mike Calderwood, Salford, 148, over six by 59½-57.

Jimmy Thornton, Sheffield, beat Peter Flanagan, Manchester, the bout being halted at the end of the third when the latter sustained an eye injury. Thornton was decked briefly in the opening session.

▲**LIVERPOOL—Rotters Nite Spot—**Paul Mitchell, Leeds, 156½, outpointed Ian Chantler, St. Helens, 151½, over eight by 79½-78. Mitchell improved after a slow start.

Rocky Feliciello, Rhyl, 156½, scored a points win over Blaine Longsden, Warrington, 159, scoreline 59½-58½ after six. Longsden had an eye injury in the final round that needed three stitches.

Another boxer whose injury needed three stitches was John Daly, Halifax, 144¼, but John overcame the handicap by outpointing Ron Atherton, Liverpool, 143, scoreline 59-58½ after six. Atherton was decked in round five.

Plenty of action in the bout between Terry Welsh, Liverpool, 143, and Mark Duffy, Leeds, 142½, which ended when Duffy retired at the end of round five with a cut by the left eye (three stitches) and a suspected broken jaw.

Welsh was down in the opening round, but got up to deck his man a couple of times in round five. (04-29-83)

▲**WEMBLEY—Arena—**Frank Bruno, 219½, halted American Scott LeDoux, 226, in the third round of a scheduled 10. Referee Larry O'Connell stopped the bout at 1:35 of the round due to a cut above LeDoux's left eye.

Former world heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson, who'd been brought over to advise Bruno as he prepared for this bout, was well satisified with what he saw—both before and during the fight.

"There wasn't enough time top teach him a lot," said Patterson. "But one important thing I told him was to hold both hands higher, in order to nullify the counterpunch. And he used to telegraph the jab. He doesn't now.

"He is young, eager, and hungry. LeDoux is not now as hungry as he was. Frank is a very bright prospect. And he listens to what he is told. He has a very good chance of getting to the top, *but*, to do so, he must come to America—work out in their gyms, where he can get the proper sort of sparring. I was most impressed with his left jab. I have tried to show him how to throw this punch correctly, and when he learns to do so he will be among the hardest punchers in the world."

Frank is 21 years old, and will probably be in America this summer. Time will tell if he's the heavyweight Britain has hoped in vain to produce for many years, but he's certainly being guided on the right lines, and has a fine manager in Terry Lawless, who has produced four world champions.

Another of Terry's boxers, middleweight Mark Kaylor, stopped American Bobby Watts in round four. Referee Sid Nathan stepped in after Kaylor had delivered 20 punches without a reply from Watts.

Bobby was also fined $500 for bad behavior during—and after—the bout.

Jimmy Cable, 154, Orpington, outpointed Nick Wilshire, 153¼, Bristol, 10. Scoreline: 98½-96½. Cable was down in rounds three and five, but fought back hard to win.

Ray Gilbody, 119½, Liverpool, outpointed substitute Roy Somer, 125, Holland, eight. Scoreline: 80-77. Somer was down in round six.

R.W. Smith, 155, St. Ives, outpointed sub Rob Wada, 160, six. Scoreline: 60-57. Wada was decked in round five, and bled from the nose. This was Smith's 10th bout without defeat.

Tony Adams, 142½, Brixton, halted Derek McKenzie, 144, who retired in round two after being floored by a left hook.
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Sean Mannion W 10 In-Chul Baek
Mike McCallum KO 3 Tony Suero
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Floyd Mayweather KO 8 Jose Baret
Mario Cusson KO 5 Johnny Herbert
Horace Shufford W 10 Pablo Baez
Paul Chance W 8 Danny Myers
Gunther Roomes KO 6 Paul Chance
Calvin Porter KO 7 Larry Byrd
Robert Hines KO 3 Eddie Campbell
Steve Hearon KO 3 Juan Contres
Leo Vigil KO 8 Jesse Toro
Lupe Aquino KO 4 Ed Dominguez
Thomas Perez W 10 Jorge Vaca
Veabro Boykin W 8 Jesus Gallardo

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
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Mad Dog Martinez W 10 Clemente Rojas
Laurie Mann W 8 Davey Montana
Johnny Bumphus KO 6 Michael Bradley
Joe Manley W 10 Tom Baker
Joey Mack W 8 Colin Derrick
Ronnie Shields KO 3 Fili Ramirez
Frankie Davis KO 8 Laurie Mann
Andy Nance KO 2 Sam Wilson
Alvin Fowler W 8 Ted Hatfield
Harry Arroyo W 10 Thomas Chavez
Rich McCain KO 2 Garland Wright
Alfredo Escalera W 10 Gene Hatcher
Kenny Lane KO 8 Willie McIntosh

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Howard Davis KO 8 Greg Coverson
Tony Baltazar W 10 Rocky Montoya
Frankie Baltazar W 10 Juan Escobar
Charlie (Choo Choo) Brown W 10 Jerome Artis
Louie Burke W 10 Martin Galvan
Julio Cesar Chavez KO 2 Romero Sandoval
Robin Blake KO 1 J.C. Kim
Alvin Hayes KO 5 Bobby Pappion
Jeff Goodwin KO 1 Steve Guess
Anthony Fletcher W 8 Fred Pendleton
Jimmy Paul KO 6 Andy Gannigan
Charlie Brown W 10 Jerome Artis

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Benedicto Villablanca KO 5 Dante Serradilla
Marcial Santiago D 8 Julio DeJesus
Richard Lord KO 7 Kirk Stengel
Calvin Grove W 8 Santos Cruz
Jesse Torres KO 3 Lewis Nelton

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Juan LaPorte W 12 Johnny De La Rosa
(Retained WBC Title)
Thunder Clottey D 8 Benny Marquez
Sul Inting KO 6 Bunji Ando

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Jaime Garza KO 2 Bobby Berna
(Won WBC Title)
Lenny Valdez KO 5 Tony Cisneros
Jeff Chandler W 10 Hector Cortez

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Heriberto Saavedra D 10 Jorge DeJesus
Enrique Ursua KO 2 Arnulfo Contreras
Changa Marquez KO 1 Elias Rodriquez
Ramon Rico KO 5 Frank Hesia
Jerome Coffee W 10 James Manning
Richard Abila KO 3 Alberto Cruz

FLYWEIGHTS
Candelario Carmona KO 2 Raul Dominguez
Aaron Garcia D 10 Dionisio Lima
Antonie Martinez KO 2 Magdaleno Moreno
Elpidio Huerta KO 4 Pedro Carballo
Javier Davila W 10 Jesus Becerra
Simon Dominguez W 10 Daniel Cuamani

Above: Montoya is all smiles outside the ring as he clowns with top featherweight Jose Caba. Montoya considers Caba one of the best he's ever trained. Right: But inside the ring, Montoya is all business and prides himself in being "a motivator in the corner."

JIMMY MONTOYA: TRAINER MANAGER FATHER CONFESSOR

ANOTHER TYPICAL NIGHT in Las Vegas was slowly winding down. In five of the scheduled seven fights, a familiar figure dressed in black pants and a bright red shirt with yellow and black letters on the back that read "Montoya Boxing Club" could be seen working one of the corners. The final bout of the evening ended on a good note for the man whose name appeared on his shirt. Female bantamweight champion Graciela Casillas had quickly disposed of her opponent and the final tally for Jimmy Montoya's corner read: four wins and one loss.

BY STEVE MEDWID

THERE WAS A TIME WHEN THOSE FIGURES were reversed and if one of Montoya's charges did somehow manage to pull out a victory, many considered it to be a fluke. For years, when Jimmy came in with his fighters, the boxing fraternity would shake their heads and whisper that Montoya's Meatwagon was in town and that he was feeding his Mexican fighters to the dogs. But even in his early days, no one would ever say, to not coin a phrase, that his fighters didn't come to fight. Today, that statement still holds true, except now many win. The fraternity has become kinder with their words; instead of a fluke, they now call it an upset.

Despite the criticisms, Jimmy Montoya is a smiling man these days. And why not? In eight years, he has amassed one of boxing's largest stables, approximately 400 fighters in all—about 70 of whom work out in his gym, the remainder of whom he serves as booking agent.

This is not your ordinary stable though. This is not like the Kronk stable in Detroit that seems to attract talented fighters of freakish proportions. This is not a stable that can boast of a world champion; at least not yet. Instead, it's a conglomeration of fighters, mainly Mexican and Chicano, of all shapes, sizes and abilities.

"He's the feeder of the prelim cards," says Las Vegas matchmaker Mel Greb, who's had countless shows saved by last-second replacements supplied by the seemingly ever-at-the-ready Montoya. "He's the cowboy with the white hat on the white horse."

Restated, Montoya operates boxing's Central Casting.

You don't have to spot Jimmy Montoya to know he's in town for a fight. Just sit in the hotel lobby where the fighters are staying and you'll hear him paged continually throughout the day.

"He personally works about 150 shows a year and books another 100," says Bruce Trampler, a matchmaker with Top Rank and a close friend of Montoya. "His life is his date book with upcoming shows and his phone book. The only time he rests is when he's on a plane—which seems like every other day. There's no phones there and he can relax a little and get his thoughts together."

Like any good pizza parlor, Montoya de-

livers what you ask for, sometimes literally in 10 minutes. A few hours before Ray Mancini's second pro fight, Phoenix promoter Steve Eisner was still without an opponent. "I picked up the phone and had a kid (Lou Daniels) on the next flight and had him get dressed in the cab," remembers Montoya. Daniels went the distance.

He'll travel anywhere, or at least his fighters will. But there is no relaxing once he arrives. He can't even enjoy a quiet meal with all the phone interruptions. Before sitting down with *The Ring* on the aforementioned day in Las Vegas, he had spent the last hour on the phone gathering together seven sparring partners for shipment to Anchorage, Alaska, for Hector Camacho, then in training for John Montes.

That night, Montoya and his fighters take up one of the two dressing rooms. The room rocks with music.

"They may not be good fighters, but they can dance," smiles Montoya, as he wraps the first of many hands. "I teach them how to dance."

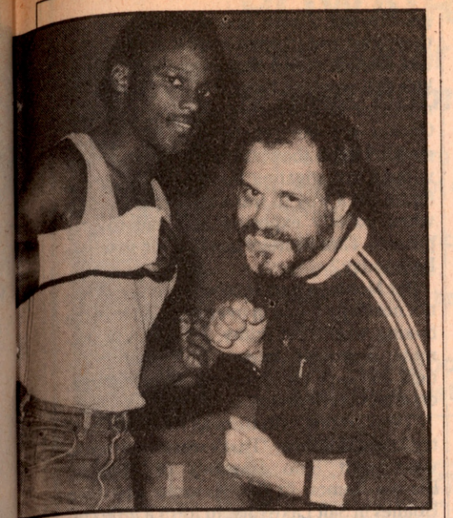
It is impossible for Montoya to be with his fighters all the time. Many times he'll work the corner of a guy who isn't his fighter. It's not uncommon for him to be in Las Vegas the same night one of his fighters is in Atlantic City.

"I don't think it's good for a manager or trainer to have one fighter lean on him all the time," explains Montoya. "I have that problem a lot in my gym. People might say that I'm paying more attention to one guy than another. All my kids are tight with me and want me to train them instead of other trainers. I sometimes don't tell my fighters who I'm going to be with until the last minute. This is where a manager and trainer have to take care of priorities. You try to be fair, but if a guy has potential, you can't hurt his career. This is very important in boxing. You know which guys can and can't make it. What I do now is give more responsibility to the other trainers for the newcomers so they can get used to them and not deal with me.

"Now if this person becomes a contender, I have to devote time to him because I think I'm a little bit more skilled than the other trainers in certain ways and I can get more out of a fighter than they can. But not because they don't have the ability, but I want to give him the best chance I can.

"Take Jose Caba for instance. I used to be his sole trainer, but now I broke him in to a different trainer and I train him only when I'm there because I want him to get used to the idea that even if I'm not there, he can still go on to win the title.... In case I get sick or something, I want him to be there with someone else that can take over my place." Montoya considers Caba one of the best fighters he's ever trained.

Montoya likes to keep his dressing room relaxed. A familiar joke to ease the tension is for him to come in and yell "Immigration—...let's see your green cards." His fighters respond by pulling out dollar bills.



The first bout of the night features his unbeaten heavyweight Tony Fulilangi. Just outside the dressing room, the 210-pounder is slamming away at the open palms of Montoya, who neither blinks or flinches. "You feel like getting it on," he shouts as Fulilangi continues to pound away.

"To me, the mitts are the best system in the world," says the 170-pound Montoya. "It means you're boxing. I'm always in the ring with them on and they bang on me and hit me. I can take on anybody. I'm very tough that way. They bet Cokes and meals to see if they can move me."

Fulilangi knocks out Bruce Grandham in two rounds and Montoya is quickly in and out of the dressing room with Charles Carter, a middleweight prospect from Portland. After an impressive two rounds against Fred Hutchings, Carter begins to dog it and gets no sympathy from Jimmy when he sits on his stool.

"You better work, God damn it," screams Montoya directly into Carter's face. Montoya's face is no longer creased with a smile. It is contorted in a furious mask. If you combine his red and black attire with his black hair and trimmed beard, he bears an almost eerie resemblance to a Spanish version of Mephistopheles.

"He's a hard man deep down," says Trampler. "You can play with him but you can't fuck with him. He has a hair-trigger temper. Let me tell you about him as a cornerman. When he gets in the ring, the opponent is outnumbered. It's him and his fighter. I've seen it time and time again. They fight over their heads with Jimmy in the corner."

"I'm a hell of a motivator in the corner," says Montoya. "I can make a man fight. My kid may not be of the caliber of the other fighter but he comes there to win and he's had plenty of conditioning.

"When Roger Stafford fought Pipino Cuevas (Stafford is not one of the Montoya clan), he came back to the corner at the end of the fourth round and said, 'I'm hurt, I'm hurt.' I told him I didn't give a damn and that he's hurt more than you are. I used psychology and the kid went out and kicked hell out of Cuevas."

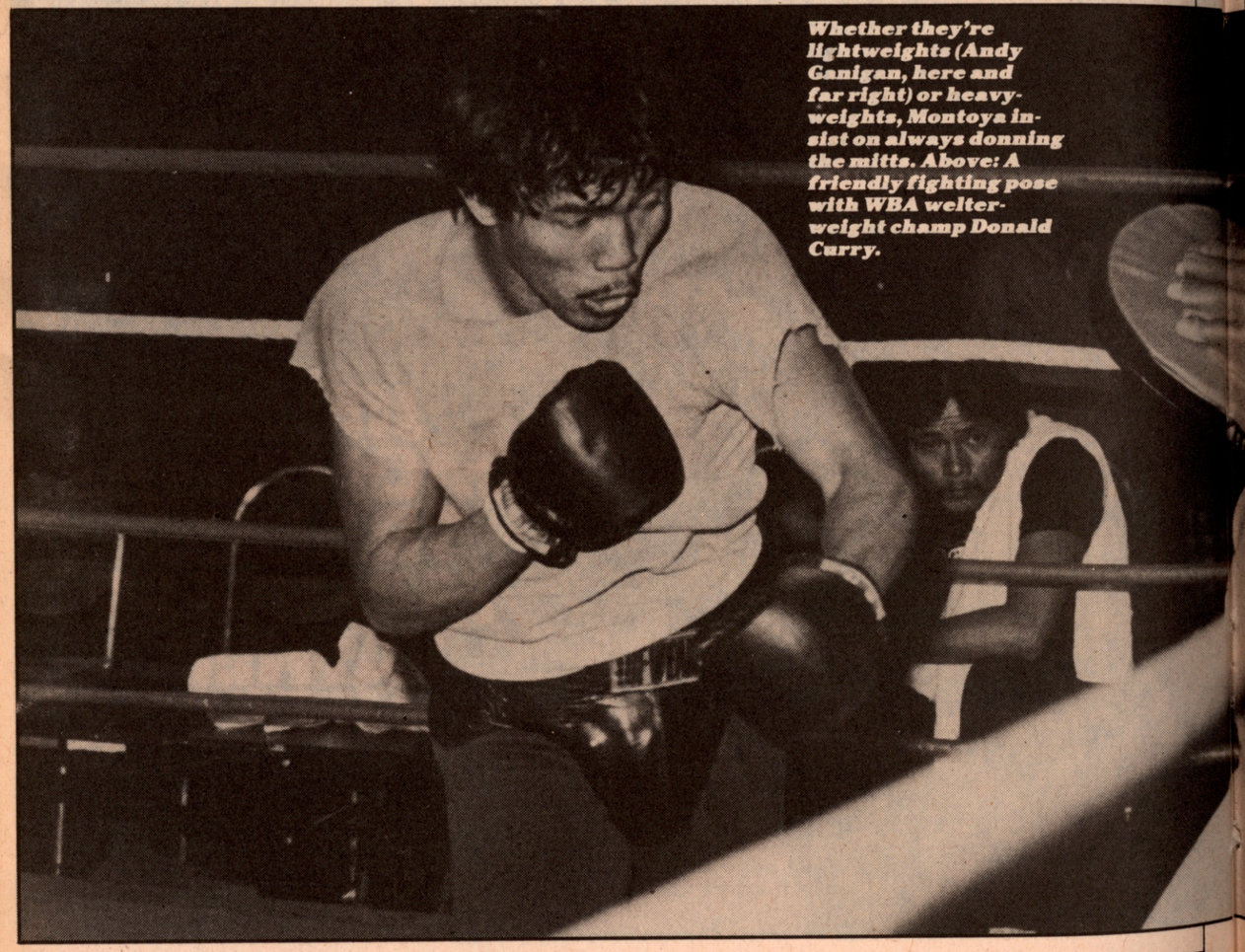
But Charles Carter, who does not train with Montoya, will not respond to Jimmy's motivation and is stopped in the fifth round. Montoya shakes his head disgustedly and then goes to get his next fighter ready.

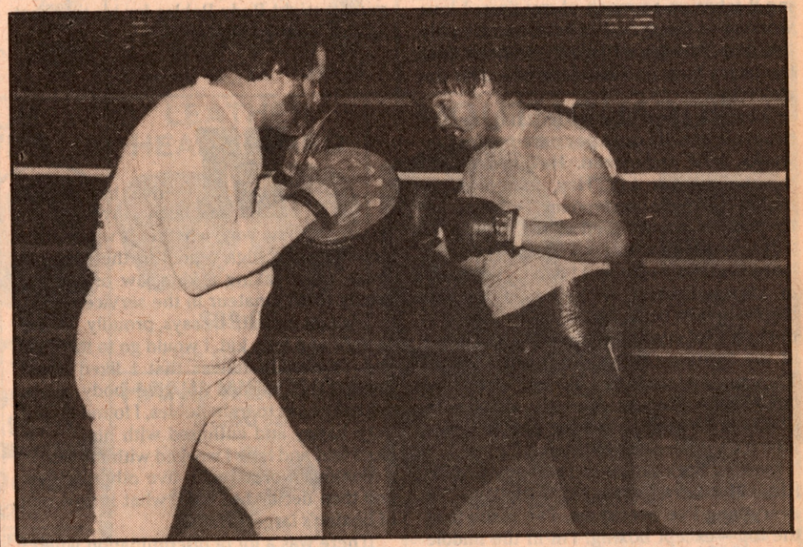
The rest of the night goes smoothly for Montoya, and when it's all over, he does some interviews and goes around shaking hands. "We accomplished a lot of hard work in the gym," he says with a satisfied grin.

The Olympic Gym, Montoya's Gym, is a faded yellow brick building located across the parking lot of the fabled Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles. A huge sign atop the building reads "Free Boxing Lessons."

"Yeah, we give them a free lesson if they join...stay in school and eat your greens," chuckles trainer John Cabrera, who refers to himself as Montoya's alter ego.

The gym is a converted dance hall where one-upon-a-time girls could be hired for a dime a dance. The second floor, where the old dance hall was, is the main gym. It's spacious—at least as gyms go—and is equipped with two rings and four heavy bags. Upstairs can be found Montoya's private office and another gym, this one possessing just one ring and two heavy





Whether they're lightweights (Andy Ganigan, here and far right) or heavyweights, Montoya insist on always donning the mitts. Above: A friendly fighting pose with WBA welterweight champ Donald Curry.

bags. Fighters who want to train there, under the watchful eye of Montoya, must earn their way up. It keeps them motivated, reasons Montoya.

It's a quiet Friday. Montoya is still in Las Vegas and Cabrera, Poncho Lopez, Tio Mata and Jess Gonzalez hold down the fort.

"When I first started working here," says Cabrera, "I couldn't talk to him because he was so busy on the phone. I used to go downstairs and call him on the pay phone to get our business done with."

"I've seen injustices in the gym," explains Montoya. "A lot of kids are left alone and no one pays attention to them. My trainers have got to wipe my kid's face every time the bell rings and give them water. They must make sure to wipe the fighter if he's bleeding and get him out of the ring if he's hurt. My trainers have a lot of responsibility in the gym.

"I consider myself a trainer and manager. People want me to get out of training, saying it takes up so much of my time. I love working in the gym. We have an assembly line here. I do the mitts, someone else does the heavy bags and someone else does the excercises.

"I have trainers that understand me and believe in me. If I can't pay a trainer for two weeks, he'll understand. He'll work with me. He'll never say 'Hey, you owe me money.' If I make good money, I take care of the trainers. I don't keep all the money.

"I have a big weakness. I could have had a lot of money by now and I don't. I take care of all my fighters. If they fight for me, they've got to be in the best condition, eat the best food and live reasonably well. Most of my fighters come to me with nothing. They need a place to stay so I give them one. That's what my life was about with CISCO in Oregon...helping people...but now it's a different profession.

Looking back on the first 46 years of his life, Montoya says confidently "In everything I've ever done, I've made it to the top—except boxing. I'm in the middle right now."

Born in Silver City, New Mexico, he has spent most of his life in California. He served two years in the service and when he returned to the states, he bought a bar and pool hall. He moved on to breaking horses on a ranch and then became a logger in Oregon, where his wife, Sonny—whom he married when he was a teenager—lives, together with his two sons, Ray and Steve.

"I always had leadership within me to help myself," he says. "I developed things for my own good."

When he began working with minorities as a job counselor, he began developing CISCO, an anagram for the Chicano Indian Study Center of Oregon. The organization provided a bilingual study center that offered adult and pre-school day care and health care, combined with education courses. "We made it easier for poor people in general to achieve a higher status," says Montoya.

Montoya became the executive director of CISCO, a job that offered no pay its first year. However, his concern for the poor did not go unnoticed. The success of his program attracted the attention of the local media and he gained a voice in local politics.

By 1975, he felt he had achieved the goals he had established for himself with CISCO and he stepped into the boxing arena, volunteering to help his brother Rudy train middleweight Rudy Robles for his title shot against Rodrigo Valdez.

Montoya has always been involved in boxing in some way, whether it was getting expelled from high school in the eleventh grade for breaking a kid's jaw or fighting briefly as an amateur in the service.

"I taught myself," he says, proudly. "I used to fight as a little kid. I would go to the CYO and do certain moves that I liked about myself and learned to give body shots. When I began to train Robles, I found myself very happy and enthused with him....He liked that and how I worked with the mitts."

Montoya worked with five other fighters and then decided to build what is now one of boxing's largest stables.

"There was a lot of discrimination when I first started," says Montoya. "All the famous managers and trainers were getting all the benefits and guys like me couldn't make it without a connection. Without telling anybody, I started doing things to develop some connections so that a guy can get into the business without being discriminated against. I gave myself a long range goal of five years...and in one year I had accomplished my five-year mission." In his first year, he had over 100 fighters.

But Montoya's stable was not a winning one. His face in the corner meant one thing: a sure win for the opponent. Hence the nickname "Montoya's Meatwagon."

"In the beginning stages of my organization, I knew I was going to lose, but how else could I get these kids to fight?" he asks. "To get through a door you must open it and these kids had to open it for the other guys that were better. I had to sacrifice certain kids that wouldn't be anybody so I could get my other kids, who were better, a chance. Once I got the reputation that my kids couldn't fight, they started fighting my kids without investigating them and I started to figure out a way to win a major fight or two when nobody expected it. I had to play possum. That strategy brought me to where I am today."

But Montoya had another strategem, one not normally found in overabundance in the boxing world: reliability. If he saw a promoter in trouble, he would fly in an opponent and save the show, more oft than not, on a moment's notice.

"I was getting calls from all over the country," says Montoya. "That's when I started to work with Beto Martinez of Phoenix, Blackie Ramon in San Antonio and John Holmes in Salt Lake City, to form a little corporation for which I could be spokesman."

"It was like hitting the jackpot in Vegas," says Martinez.

"He wears a lot of hats," says Trampler. "He's a trainer, manager and booking agent." It is not uncommon, says Trampler, for Montoya to break up future shows to save one on short notice and still be able to deliver fighters to fill in for the show he had broken up.

"It's virtually impossible to run a decent show in the west with any regularity without any Montoya-booked fighters," says Trampler. "It's easier to put a show together working with him because he's dependable and provides what the promoter asks for—a good fighter or one of lesser ability. He's sometimes criticized for the fighters on the lower spectrum but that's what the promoter asked for."

Trampler's views seemed to be shared by the other major matchmakers, many of whom took exception to the name Montoya's "Meatwagon."

"Some of his fighters are real good and some are just fair," commented Don King's matchmaker Bobby Goodman. "They try hard and fight hard. He's never brought in a fighter to lose."

"Montoya is very important to any matchmaker and not just because he's a good guy," says Harold Weston, matchmaker at Madison Square Garden. "He's an honest guy. Other guys say they'll deliver and then they leave you stranded, but not Jimmy. I wish there were more like him in the game. I don't know how you can say he runs a "Meatwagon" with the fighters he has now. They're all not winning fighters but neither are the fighters in Steward's or Duva's stables."

"He comes up with a lot of fighters and some good ones at times," says the

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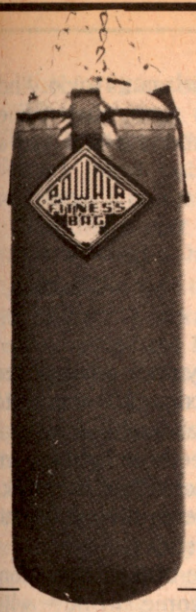

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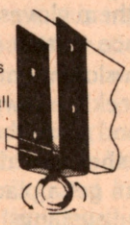

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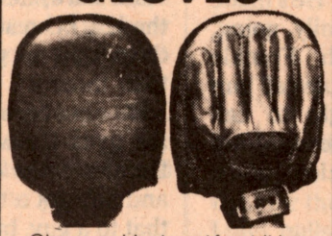

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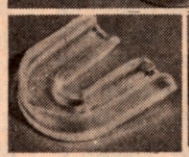

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venerable Eddie Futch, carefully choosing his words. "Win or lose, they come to fight. You'll always find criticism. He helps the small clubs stay in business. He comes up with fighters when nobody else can. Working with that quantity, you can't produce all champions."

Montoya is still waiting patiently for his first world champion. Unbeaten bantamweight Richie Sandoval, featherweight Jose Caba and bantamweight Juan "Kid" Meza are Montoya's hottest prospects right now. Meza had a shot at Wilfredo Gomez' WBC junior featherweight title last year and, although outclassed, he put up an impressive showing before being stopped in six rounds.

"My wish is to make a champion and I want it from scratch," says Montoya. "I've had guys like Caba, who were new or had maybe one amateur fight, and I've built these kids. They're part of my life... nobody's given me anybody who's already been built. I intend to have two or three champions and I'm not going to stop once I have one. It's not going to change me.

"A lot of people have to win championships by dodging people and being wrong. I don't. I want a clear conscience and my money's got to be clean.

"I don't compare myself to any managers or trainers. I don't want to be them. I want to be Jim Montoya. I think I'm going to be one of the bigger guys in boxing pretty soon. I'm not saying I might do it because I'm going to do it. That's what I'm here for.

"I don't ever look for publicity; publicity will follow you if you do the right things. If you don't, bad publicity will follow you—and destroy you. You want to be alive, be right. I do wrong today, I get destroyed tomorrow. If you do something good, three goods will come forward in your favor."

Yet the bad publicity still follows him. He is still seen working the corners of fighters like Jaime Nava, who has lost over 30 fights and Chris Linson, once a bright prospect who more recently has taken bad beatings from Bobby Czyz and Mark Medal.

"Linson is not my fighter," explains Montoya, "I help him. He gets hit a lot and absorbs a lot of punishment. You'll never change that. You have to do two things—make him quit or find fighters that don't hit hard. Don't stop a kid from making a living. You don't take things away from a kid just like that. You try to work around the major negative factors.

"You shouldn't take a fighter's license away from him just for the sake of taking it. You should have a real reason and knowledge. Styles make a difference. You can correct a lot of things without taking a license away. I'll never fight Linson with any top punchers anymore because, if I do, he's going to get hurt.

"It's my nature that if I see a kid by himself, I'm going to help him. I don't care if he's the worst fighter in the world, I'm going to help him. People think it's my fighter and I get blamed that I took a no-good fighter to fight. If I take the blame and the people don't understand, that's their ignorance. The kid that doesn't know how to fight needs more help that the one that does. And I'm going to be there to protect him."

As British promoter Micky Duff once said while introducing Montoya to another promoter, "This guy's got Gucci fighters and he's got Woolworth fighters and he knows what he's doing."

"Why should I deprive a kid that doesn't know how to fight too good but has every intention of trying?" asks Montoya almost rhetorically. "Let him fight a few fights, get hit and then talk him out of it. But let him earn.

"Nava's never really been hurt. He's made enough money to keep his family going. He's gone the distance with Frankie Baltazar and Ruben Castillo. People call him 'a bum.' I don't think it's right to call anybody a bum. Just because the kid doesn't have charisma or doesn't look good, doesn't mean he can't fight.

"The people who criticize me are helpless, jealous people who don't understand boxing and wish they had the opportunities I have. They don't understand the Jaime Navas, who have lost a lot of fights. When one of the commissions wanted to take his license away, I asked them if it was right for a young kid to come in and take their job because they're stale after working there so long. They said 'no.' I told them that he works harder than they do, he's not that old and yet he *almost* wins fights. He's gone the distance and he's not hurt. Brain scans reveal nothing. If he's getting hurt, I'll stop it. I've been fined for stopping fights. I have the prerogative. I know my fighters.

"I don't care who the kid is as long as he has some kind of desire and shows me some hunger. I like to develop my fighters and develop kids that have nothing. These kids may never be anything. But at the same time, I think every man should be given the chance to do whatever he wants to do. And if they come into that gym, they came because they thought about it and had a reason."

Every poor unemployed Mexican kid comes to Montoya's gym for a reason: he knows of his reputation and he needs to fight to earn a living. Some have hitch-hiked for weeks and when they get there, they have no money and no place to stay.

"That's what keeps me broke," says Montoya. "Most fighters come to me with nothing. I buy them gloves and equipment. I get them a place to rent or they live with me. If I have a slow month and I'm paying these kids a weekly allowance, it adds up. I can make a good score today and I have to pay it all out the next day. Once I get a champion, I can get a place to house them.

"As far as stealing money from a fighter...sometimes a guy will say to me 'this has nothing to do with your fighter, you work hard, here's $100.' I give the $100 to the kid. I can survive, that kid can't. I teach them how to get the most mileage out of their money."

It's now Monday and Montoya is back in the gym. He worked a few corners on the Duran-Cuevas card the past Saturday night and he's got a taste of the flu. Travel can do that to a guy, but Montoya swears this is the first time he's really been sick. There have been hectic times which has caused his weight to fluctuate some 30-40 pounds. Although he tries to be in the gym from Friday through Monday, he has no set schedule because of the nature of the business.

"Sometimes it's hard to travel like I do," says Montoya, sitting behind his desk which is situated right in front of a large picture window giving him an unobstructed view of the upstairs gym. "It's not really that hectic though, because I enjoy it."

But taking fighters on the road produces many problems, some serious, some not so serious. On the lighter side, Montoya laughs about the time he was at Immigration Department in El Paso with three fighters whose visas had expired. Immigration was spot-checking people so Montoya gave each of the three a newspaper to read so that they would look inconspicuous. One just stood there with his knees shaking and the paper upside down.

On the serious side, there is the feeling of impending doom when you're fighting in a guy's backyard and the only way you're going to win is if you knock the guy out and the referee doesn't render a slow count.

What can you do?

"What can you do," he says helplessly. "They protect one another." Paying his fighter's purse out of his own pocket is sometimes a common practice.

"The things that piss me off most in this game is when I have built and made a fighter all the way to the top to fight for the title and some jackass comes along and offers money to get him away from me," he says angrily. "I had that problem a lot in 1980 when people were messing with my fighters because they knew I was low on money.

"But I'll put in whatever it takes to get there. I've always been a mover. It's hard for my family, but they put up with me. Once I get a champion we got it made. One of my biggest satisfactions is that I have a family that understands me. It's hard for me, it's hard for them, but it's easier for me. I'm home once every six weeks and for holidays."

"There's no such thing as not having a chance. But there have been times I've walked into the ring and knew the other judges would be favoring the other guy or his manager because he's more well known," says Montoya. "So I have to get my kids to fight a little bit tougher. It's bothered me going into different cities and you know no matter what happens, you're going to lose.

"In Mexico, if you're not paid in advance, you have a problem collecting. They say they'll take care of your hotel and meals and then they take off and hide on you."

With all the hassles, travel and criticism, Montoya also has had to do battle with the commissions. He wants to organize a group of boxing people that can have a say in commission rulings and feels that many of their present rules are a joke.

"They (commissions) don't even know how to read the rule book. The book says you must not do excessive coaching in the corner at any time. It does not say you can not coach in the corner. They tell me to 'shut up.' I've been fined for coaching in the corner, but I don't appreciate the manner in which they talk to me. Now it's a joke between us. I tell them if they were any kind of a human being and had any type of compassion, they would help me change the rule. In all the other sports you have coaching, but in an individual sport such as boxing, you don't permit it and that's when I can stop people from getting hurt. I can move a guy out of the corner and do things those people don't understand.

"They say Angelo Dundee and Futch don't coach from the corner. They train their fighters a different way. But look what happened to Arguello when he fought Pryor. Nobody jumped on his butt. He needed somebody to kick his ass and say 'Hey, wake up kid.' And that's the way I talk to my fighters."

Because of the number of Mexican fighters he has, commissions are also very skeptical of Montoya. Records are impossible to find, them and some have even voiced displeasure over the monopoly they see him building.

"You pick up the phone right now, and call ten managers and tell them 'I got a fight for you with so and so for so much money but I need him tonight.' See how many say, 'I'm sorry, my boy ain't ready or he hurt his ankle.' It's all bullshit. At my place (he snaps his fingers), it's 'let's go.'

"Nobody can deny this. I got Andy Gannigan to fight Sean O'Grady. I got Art Frias to fight Claude Noel when my own fighter, Gonzallo Montellano, couldn't make it...and Frias won the title.

They were not my fighters, but I made them available for fighting. I called their managers and I said how would you like to fight for the title.' When they said not really, I said 'bullshit, you'll never have this chance again. You got to go after it.' I was responsible for them becoming champion.

"But the commissions bitch about me. Some protect me but it's going to be a long time before another manager or trainer comes along and can do what I do for this reason. I'm a rough person and I expect all my kids to be rough. I train them to be rough and I train them to be ready to go.

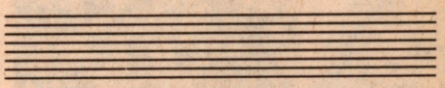
"I've been in politics and I'm not afraid to speak. I'm honest and they're not. Someday they're going to be thinking my way and they're not going to have a job because I'm going to be in a position to fire their asses. I'm not going to get even, I just want things to be right. The commissions treat you like dogs. To them, a manager is a low-down hustler in a pool hall," a situation Montoya has seen first-hand.

Some still hold that opinion of Montoya. He's been knocked heavily by Flash Gordon, a man he says he will sue. Despite the strides he's made, one has to wonder about some of the fighters he brings into the ring.

"I'm saying things I want you to balance. I got good and bad in me just like everybody else. But when I say things like 'I know I'm good at this or a natural at that, it doesn't mean I'm egotistical.' I'm saying that's my feeling, my confidence, that I know I can do something.

"Let me tell you something about my 'Meatwagon.' Richie Sandoval is no meatwagon and neither is Kid Meza, Caba or Fulilangi. I don't get the right publicity ...but I don't care. I'll get there. When you're famous and have a champion, everybody wants to deal with you. But with me it's not that way. When a man is down, that's when you help him."

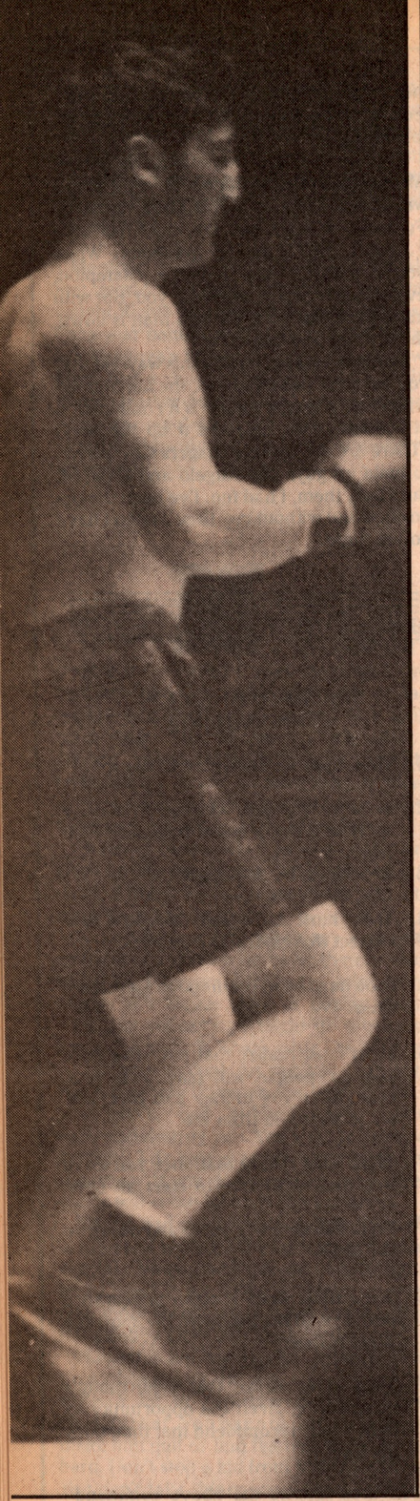
Montoya looks at boxing this way. He says you have the good, the bad, the fair and the whatever. It seems Jimmy is a combination of the four. Still, he sums it up this way: "There are still some managers that use me to build up guys like Angelo and Steward. But I built them. I had fun. I've been the opposition and without me, they couldn't have gotten there."



JIMMY MONTOYA'S TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. Thou must be interested in the sport.
2. Thou must decide whether to make a sport or a living out of boxing.
3. Thou must be dedicated.
4. Thou must have self discipline and respect thyself and thy trainers.
5. Thou must be in condition to fight at all times.
6. Thou must realize that once I've built you up, people will play with your head, offer you money and cars, and try to steal you from me.
7. Thou must realize that once you leave me, thou will have to start all over.

   Thou will be a vegetable and never be the same.
8. Thou must keep a clean appearance and give all the people in the sport the same respect.
9. Thou must realize that even though thou will be given the opportunity to fight, I may recommend that thou does not fight.
10. If thou follows the above commandments, there will be laughter and harmony.



Billy and his manager, Jack Hurley, look over New York papers the day after a big fight. Petrolle, who never went into the ring without his "good luck" Navajo Indian blanket, had close to 200 fights in a career that stretched from the early 1920s until 1934. Photo at right shows the famous "Petrolle Profile."

BILLY PETROLLE: THE GREAT FARGO EXPRESS

BILLY PETROLLE

(The Fargo Express)

Born, Berwick, Pa., January 10, 1905. Nationality, Italian-American. Height, 5 ft, 7 in. Weight, 135 lbs. Managed by Jack Hurley.

1924

Knockouts: Sammy Rose, 2; Kid Fogarty, 2; Lou Boomer, 1; Mike Ertle, 1; Young Runcorn, 1; Jimmy Moore, 2; Young Freyler, 2; Stub Kennedy, 5; Freddie Burke, 2; Johnny Gannon, 3. Won Doc Snell, 8; Pete Campi, 10. Draw: Eddie DeBeau, 10; Young Lunde, 10. No decisions: Sub Smith, 4; Jackie Nichols, 10; Eddie DeBeau, 10; Jackie Nichols, 10; Irish Kennedy, 10; Jack Moochie, 8; Sammy Leonard, 6; Rusty Jones, 6; Kid Worley, 10; Rusty Jones, 10.

1925

Knockouts: Joe McCabe, 4; Eddie Root, 4; Battling Strayer, 5; Sylvio Mireault, 1; Carl Leonard, 2; Billy O'Brien, 3; Tommy Tibbets, 4; Joe Azzarella, 6. Won: Al Shubert, 10; Andy Tucker, 10; Frankie Fink, 6; Ruby Stein, 10; Steve Smith, 12; Johnny Knauf (foul), 4; Johnny Lamar (foul), 3. Draw: Jimmy Hackley, 6. No decisions: Otto Wallace, 10; Rusty Jones, 6; Charley Raymond, 10; Reddy Blanchard, 10; Len Schwauble, 10; Alex Novecky, 10; Jimmy Woodhall, 6; Roscoe Hall, 10; Al Holzman, 10; Johnny Knauf, 10; Red Cap Wilson, 10; Joe Jawson, 10. Lost: Babe Ruth, 10; Bobby Garcia, 10; Johnny Drew, 10.

1926

Jan. 7—Charley Manty, Hartford.....L 12
Feb. 5—Eddie Kid Wagner, Fargo.....KO 10
Feb. 19—Sammy Vogel, New York.....L 10
Mar. 1—Louis Kid Kaplan, Hartford.....L 12
May 2—Joe Jawson, Sioux City.....ND 10
May 21—Danny Cooney, Fargo.....WF 4
June 11—Sid Terris, Brooklyn.....L 10
June 21—Frankie Schaeffer, E. Chicago..KO 1
July 2—Ray Miller, Brooklyn.....D 10
July 13—Johnny Rocco, St. Paul.....KO 8
July 24—Johnny Adams, Chicago.....KO 8
Aug. 2—Johnny Ceccoli, Newark.....ND 10
Aug. 23—Ruby Stein, Newark.....ND 10
Sept. 10—Alf Simmons, Fargo.....ND 10
Oct. 29—Hilario Martinez, New York..KO 2
Nov. 8—Billy Pollock, Newark.....KO 1
Nov. 26—Johnny O'Donnell, St. Paul...KO 2
Dec. 6—Cuddy DeMarco, Brooklyn.....D 6
Dec. 20—Les Murray, Milwaukee.....KO 3

1927

Jan. 1—Tommy Kid Murphy, Fargo..KO 3
Jan. 21—Spug Meyers, Chicago.....D 10
Feb. 7—Frank Francisco, Gr. Rapids..KO 3
Feb. 11—Willie Ames, Duluth.....KO 3
Feb. 25—Joe Jawson, Sioux Falls.....KO 8
Apr. 12—Freddie Mueller, Chicago.....D 10
Apr. 25—Cuddy DeMarco, Newark.....NC 4
May 2—Johnny Bates, Philadelphia...KO 5
May 23—Jack Duffy, Akron.....KO 1
June 15—Billy Wallace, New York.....L 10
June 27—Basil Galiano, Philadelphia....W 10
July 19—Eddie Brady, Fargo.....KO 7
Aug. 2—King Tut, St. Paul.....WF 4
Aug. 15—King Tut, St. Paul.....ND 10
Aug. 19—Johnny Ceccoli, Springfield...KO 6
Aug. 26—Harry Kahn, Milwaukee.....ND 10
Sept. 8—Tommy Herman, Phila.....KO by 7
Dec. 2—Harry Kahn, Duluth.....ND 10

1928

Jan. 2—Cuddy DeMarco, Fargo.....KO 7
Jan. 13—Sammy Mandell, Minneapolis..ND 10
Feb. 10—Russie LeRoy, Fargo.....ND 10
Feb. 24—Spug Meyers, Detroit.....W 10
Feb. 28—Rusty Jones, Bismarck.....KO 4
Mar. 16—Bruce Flowers, New York.....L 10
Apr. 27—Tommy Grogan, Omaha..KO by 7
May 23—Eddie Dwyer, Watertown.....KO 4
June 7—Armand Schakels, Detroit.....KO 3
June 13—Jackie Cain, Kansas City.....ND 10
June 20—Doc Snell, Seattle.....D 6
June 21—Bruce Flowers, Detroit.....W 10
July 12—Billy Engman, Aberdeen.....KO 3
July 26—Jack Kid Berg, Chicago.....D 10
Aug. 17—Jack Kane, Duluth.....ND 10
Aug. 24—Jack Kid Berg, Chicago.....KO 5
Sept. 21—Stanislaus Loayza, Detroit...KO 2
Oct. 16—King Tut, Minneapolis.....ND 10

1929

Mar. 1—Tony Ross, Grand Forks.....KO 4
Mar. 15—Jimmy Borde, Duluth.....W 10
Mar. 20—Jose Gonzales, Huron, S. D...KO 2
Apr. 9—Norman Brown, Sioux Falls....W 10
May 1—Ray Miller, Detroit.....L 10
June 6—Ray Miller, Detroit.....W 10
June 20—Gilly O'Brien, Dayton, O.....KO 3
July 9—Al Rammy, Duluth.....KO 2
July 26—Jimmy Goodrich, Duluth.....W 10
Sept. 12—King Tut, Detroit.....L 10

1930

Jan. 28—Jackie Purvis, Indianapolis...ND 10
Feb. 17—Joey Brooks, Louisville.....KO 3
Mar. 11—Jack Kane, LaCrosse.....KO 9
Mar. 29—Red Frye, LaCrosse.....KO 1
Apr. 1—Joe Azzarella, Indianapolis...KO 3
Apr. 26—Tony Saunders, Fargo.....KO 1
July 11—Izzy Kline, Calumet.....KO 2
July 25—Johnny Melton, Schenectady...W 10
July 28—Johnny Curtin, Dayton, O....KO 5
Aug. 12—Paddy Walthier, Chicago.....KO 4
Aug. 25—Frankie LaFay, Dayton.....KO 3
Sept. 1—Doty Turner, Watertown.....KO 3
Sept. 11—Tony Canzoneri, Chicago.....W 10
Oct. 10—Jack Kid Berg, New York.....L 10
Nov. 7—Spug Meyers, Duluth.....ND 6
Nov. 21—Jimmy McLarnin, New York...W 10

1931

Jan. 1—Billy Light, Fargo.....W 6
Feb. 2—King Tut, St. Paul.....KO by 1
Feb. 6—Jackie Moore, Cedar Rapids..KO 1
Feb. 27—King Tut, New York.....KO 4
Apr. 10—Lope Tenorio, St. Louis.....ND 10
May 27—Jimmy McLarnin, New York....L 10
June 25—Justo Suarez, New York.....KO 9
Aug. 20—Jimmy McLarnin, New York....L 10
Nov. 18—Pete Reyna, Kansas City.....W 4
Dec. 30—Billy Townsend, New York...KO 7

1932

Jan. 22—Eddie Ran, New York.....KO 6
Mar. 24—Battling Battalino, New York..KO 12
May 20—Battling Battalino, Chicago....W 10
June 15—Tommy Grogan, Pittsburgh.....W 10
Nov. 4—Tony Canzoneri, New York.....L 15
(World lightweight title)

1933

Mar. 22—Barney Ross, Chicago.....L 10
July 12—Bep van Klaveren, New York..KO 4
Sept. 8—Sammy Fuller, Boston.....D 4
Oct. 21—Sammy Fuller, Brooklyn.....W 10
Dec. 12—Stanislaus Loayza, New York..KO 6

1934

Jan. 24—Barney Ross, New York.....L 10
Retired from ring to go into foundry business in Duluth, Minn.; later became proprietor of gift and religious goods store in Duluth.

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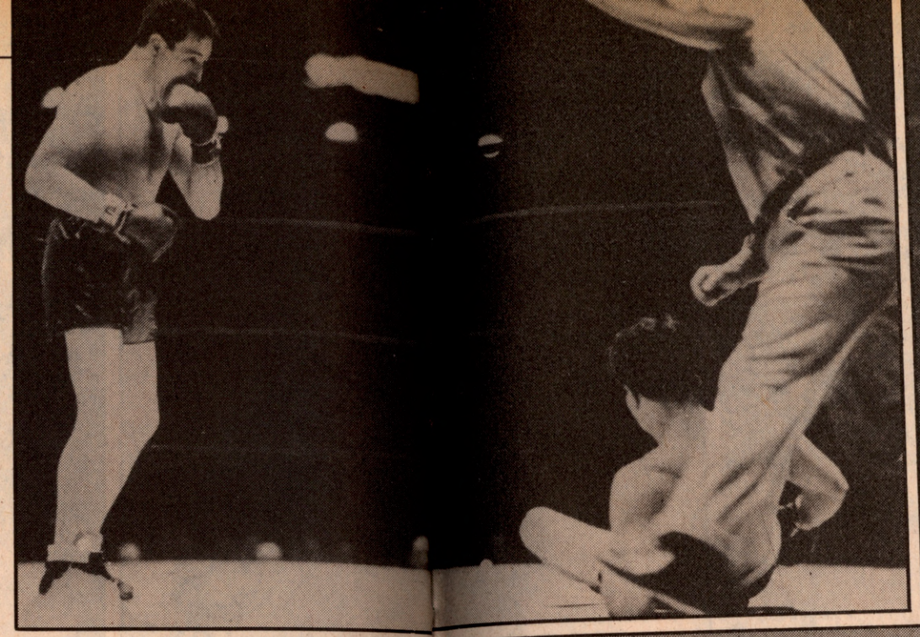
Elected to Boxing Hall of Fame 1962.

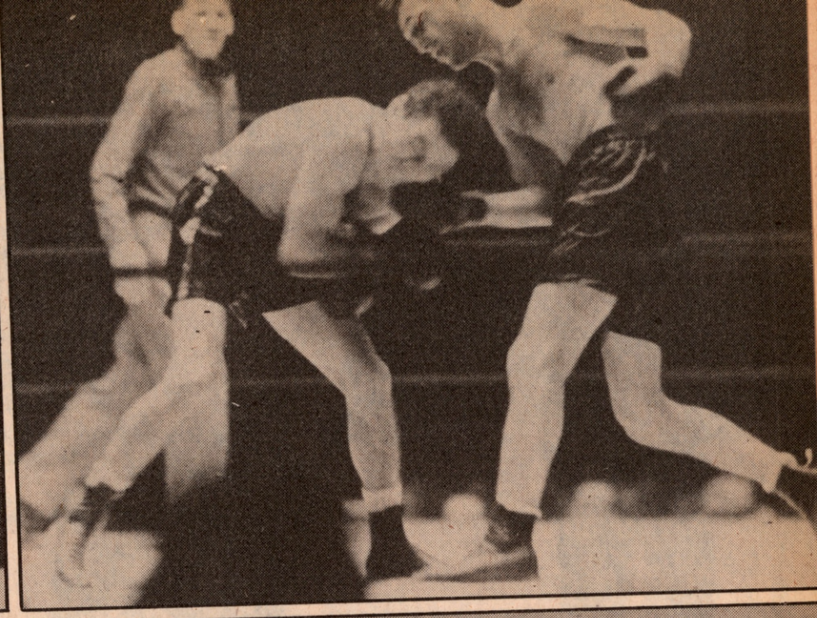
Billy Petrolle's death at the age of 78 sparked memories of one of the all-time great lightweights. In tribute to the famous "Fargo Express," we herewith present "Billy Petrolle, Man of The Iron Fist," an article by Nat Fleischer that originally appeared in the April, 1932 issue of **The Ring.**

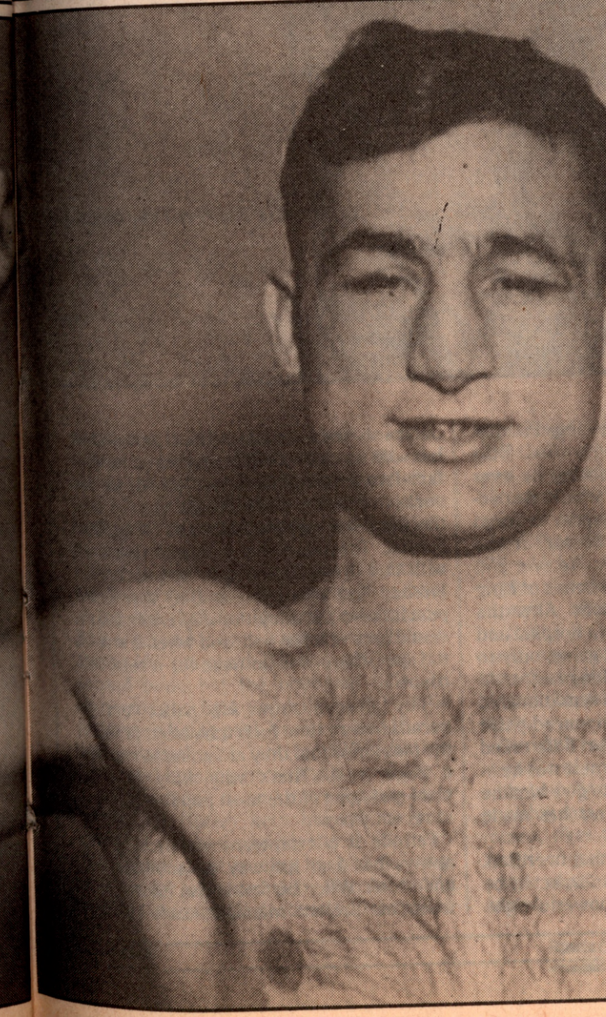
THE GREATEST HITTER SINCE THE DAYS OF Aurelio Herrera, the Mexican Wonder and Stanley Ketchel.

That's what the veterans who have seen Billy Petrolle in his recent fights, proclaim. And well does he deserve the compliment, for the Fargo Express has been mowing down opponent after opponent and has acted as a tonic during these days of depression. He has done much to build up the sport and bring back boxing patronage through the medium of his clouting fists.

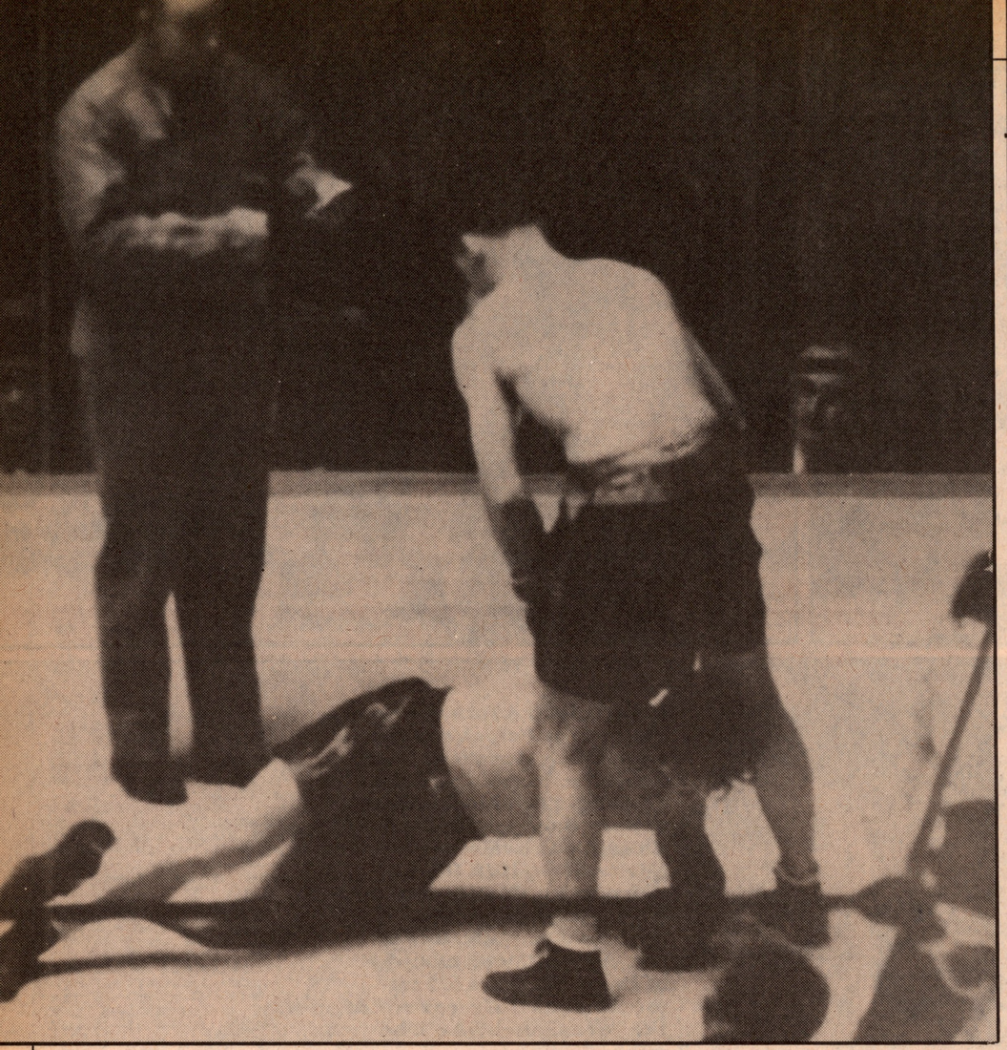
While there are several deserving boys in the welterweight class, who are clamoring for a crack at the title holder, Billy, because of his great record, stands out as the leading contender. In fact, by his knockout victories over Justo Suarez, Billy Townsend and Eddie Ran, the Fargo Express now holds the unique position of being classed the leading

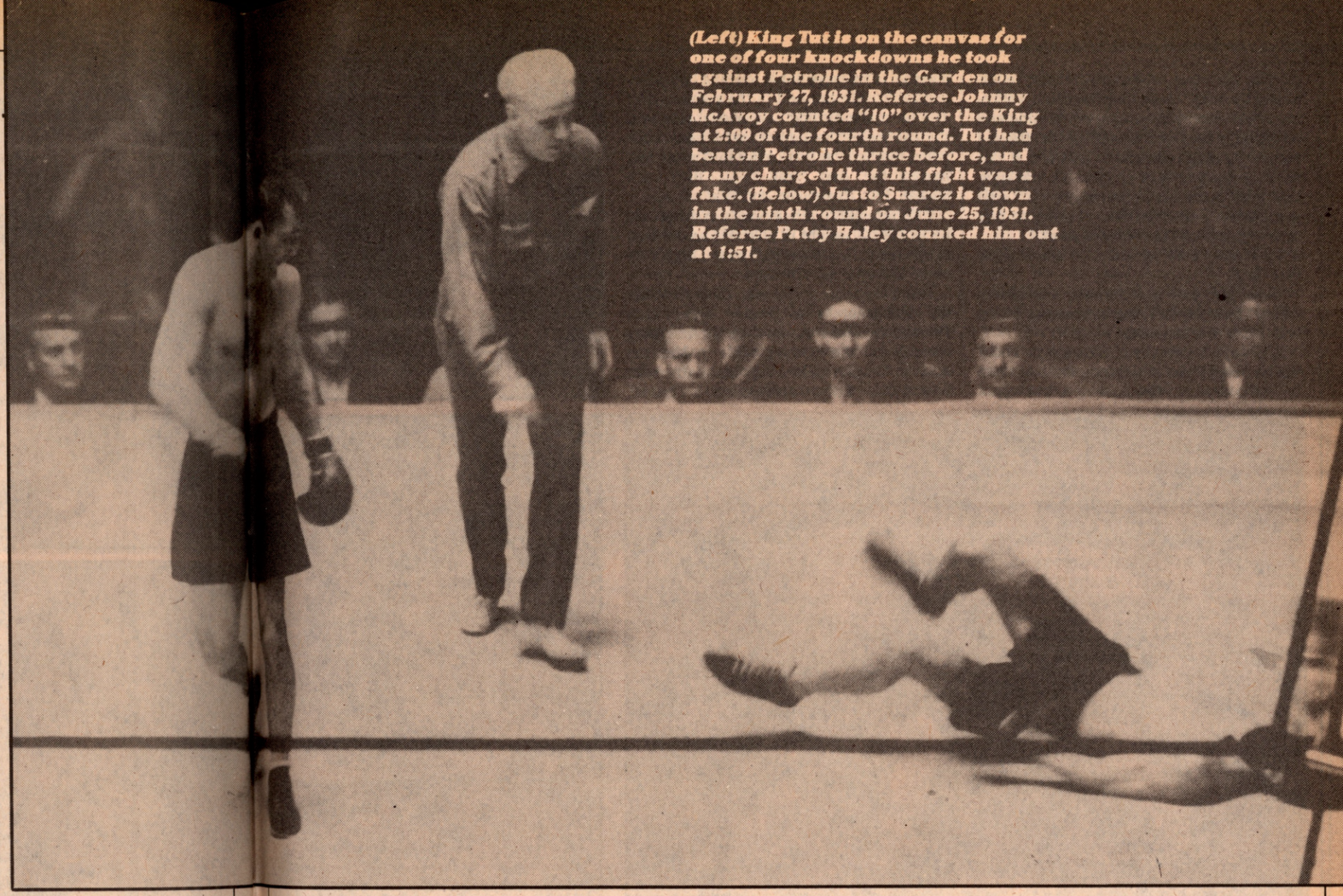






(Above, left) Another kayo victory for Petrolle. (Above, right) Billy slugs it out with Tony Canzoneri. Canzi won their title fight in Madison Square Garden via a unanimous decision on November 4, 1932. It was Petrolle's only title shot in a career that spanned a dozen years. (Left) One of the greatest "non champs" of them all raises his tattooed arms. Billy was one of the "great ones"; he'll be missed.





(Left) King Tut is on the canvas for one of four knockdowns he took against Petrolle in the Garden on February 27, 1931. Referee Johnny McAvoy counted "10" over the King at 2:09 of the fourth round. Tut had beaten Petrolle thrice before, and many charged that this fight was a fake. (Below) Justo Suarez is down in the ninth round on June 25, 1931. Referee Patsy Haley counted him out at 1:51.

contender in three divisions—lightweight, junior welter and welterweight—and should he get the opportunity to clash with the title holder in each class, he will probably be favored to win the three championships. While Jimmy McLarnin proved his master last summer, the fact that McLarnin has remained inactive for so long a period and Petrolle has been swapping punches with the top-notchers, gains for Billy first choice for a titular contest.

Billy is the silent partner in the firm of Petrolle and Hurley, with the latter, the master mind. Nobody could ever mistake the Fargo Express for a college boy—he looks just what he is—every inch a fighting man. He finds his greatest joy in throwing punches, the kind that cause an opponent to lie stretched out on the canvas for an indefinite period after the punch has found its mark.

Fighting is not all one-sided with Billy for he has often taken severe beatings in order to administer the same to his rival. Billy thinks that the worst shellacking he ever gave a fighter was that which he administered to Eddie "Kid" Wagner in Fargo a few years ago and to Suarez in the Garden. The toughest beatings he ever got, he says were received at the hands of King Tut in Detroit and Minneapolis. After the first beating, Petrolle went to a hospital and after the second, he quit the game, only to attempt a comeback after a long rest.

That comeback is the most sensational in the history of the sport. Pronounced passe by his friends and his manager, Billy asked for another chance and so earnest was he in his plea, that Hurley decided to give him the chance and the Fargo Express has made good with a vengeance.

In his most recent victory, that over Ran, the Fargo Express did the unexpected by knocking his man out with a powerful right. Ordinarily the Nebraskan shoots across that left with haymaker effect, but when he saw that Ran kept his eyes well glued on the portside mauley, he suddenly shifted and the fight was ended. McLarnin, Berg, Tut, Suarez, Townsend—he whipped them all with that dynamite left, but the punch that finished Ran was different. Billy threw the punch down the alley the way Eddie Plank would groove a fast ball, and when it struck the spot, there was no need for a referee's count.

Billy gives a show. He packs 'em in because every time he is scheduled to fight, the fans know that they are going to receive a huge treat. That's why Billy is popular—yes—one of the most popular fighters of recent years.

Petrolle is a temperamental fellow. He always has had his way in anything he undertook. When he first began fighting, or when his present manager, Jack Hurley, found him, he was just a checker in the railroad yards at Fargo, N.Dak. He had shown something of a fighting nature, what with bouncing around with the other huskies in the station and decided to go into the ring.

Hurley was then promoting fights in Fargo and he engaged Petrolle for a bout giving him $30 for his first performance. Billy won, and Hurley wanted to put him on again. He promised Petrolle $90 for the second bout, but the opponent failed to show and the fight was called off. Petrolle insisted on being paid, however, and Hurley compromised with him for $20, with the "Express" insisting he was still owed $70.

Petrolle didn't do any more fighting for a while, but Hurley kept his eye on him, awaiting a more favorable day to approach the fighter about coming back to the ring. After a lot of persuasion, Petrolle finally struck a bargain. He declared he would sign a proffered five-year contract if Hurley would make good the $70 still due him, even a year after.

Hurley and Petrolle dickered and bickered and finally they again compromised. Petrolle split the difference and took $35, which was all the money Hurley had to pay for a veritable gold mine, for the "Fargo Express" went on to immediate fame, becoming one of boxing's best drawing cards and amassing a fortune both for himself and Hurley. Hurley insists it was the biggest bargain any fight manager ever made.

Petrolle's record shows that he has every requisite of a champion. He can sock hard with both hands, is practically immune to punishment. Doesn't know what fear means, likes to fight best when he has a tough scrap on his hands and has developed a style of attack that is poison to the clever fellow.

Billy has defeated more champions than any fighter of this era. Among those whipped by the Fargo Express, either before or after they had won titles, are Tony Canzoneri, Sammy Mandell, Jackie Kid Berg, Stanislaus Loayza, champion of Chile; Armando Sheckels, champion of Belgium; Hilario Martinez, Spanish title holder; Justo Suarez, South American lightweight king and Jimmy Goodrich.

Billy's love of fighting has carried him through a record of over 150 fights, most of them of the sensational variety. Some of his many opponents entered the ring with other ideas of how to spend the night, but Billy made 'em all fight, with the result that some of the most spectacular and memorable battles of recent years find the Fargo Italian as one of the principals.

There are few records of boxers that compare with that of Billy Petrolle who, at 24, retired two years ago to come back four

months later and prove the greatest sensation of the ring. Those four months of retirement were spent in hunting and fishing and when Billy tired of that sort of life, the old love of fighting returned to him and it was not surprising to Jack Hurley, his manager, that Billy made his appearance in a Fargo gymnasium one afternoon offering to box with any and all "just for the sport."

"Are you coming back?" they asked Petrolle.

"Naw, just feel like donning the gloves again," Billy replied and exchanged blows with several spar mates.

Billy says he was truthful enough about the comeback just at the moment but when he had completed the session he knew that the ring had its hold on him and that henceforth he'd be pounding the old boxing trail again.

Billy was born at Berwick, Pa. on Jan. 10, 1905. Billy's parents migrated to Fargo, N.D., before he was a year old but when the house the Petrolles had been living in burned down, the family moved to Schenectady, N.Y., where Billy spent his boyhood days and gained his only education which consisted of seven grades in public school. It was during that period that Billy discovered the pleasure of wielding his fists in battle. Rarely a day went by that he did not engage in at least one scrap with schoolchums. Schenectady rings saw the first of Billy, too, as a ringman, for at 15 he engaged in eight or ten amateur bouts there.

From the start of his career until February 1, the Fargo Express engaged in 111 fights of which he won 41 by knockout route. That average is an exceptional one and compares favorably with the best in the sock market. The most astonishing part of that record is the calibre of the fighters who have been felled by the iron fists of the mid-westerner during the past year—King Tut, Justo Suarez, Billy Townsend and Eddie Ran.

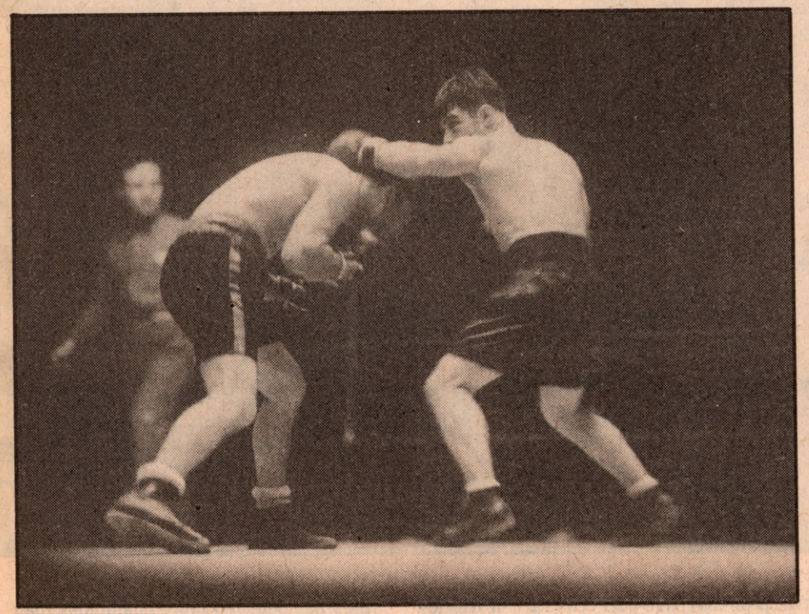
If Petrolle were a heavyweight, he would be worth his weight in gold. He would be a second Jack Dempsey. Fighters of his ability come but once in a lifetime.

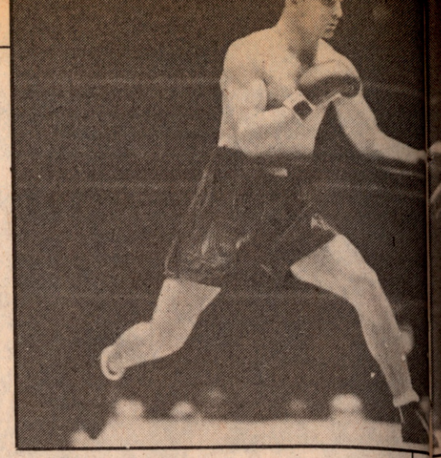
There are some critics who think that Jimmy McLarnin is a greater hitter than Petrolle, but Billy differs with them. Sitting recently on the rubbing table in Madison Square Garden following his fight with Townsend, Billy, answering a query, remarked:

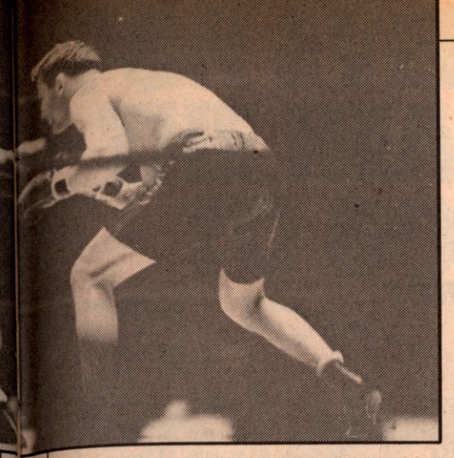
"McLarnin a harder hitter than I am? Why ask me? It is a matter of opinion between Jimmy and myself and naturally I'm not going to favor Jimmy. He's a nice hitter—yes, a very fine hitter, but look at his record and then take a peep at mine and you let me know what your answer to the query is.

"In the last eight months look at the fellows I've met and whipped. You can't say the same thing about McLarnin. He's the one fellow I'd like to meet again just to prove that I'm his master.

"While he's been idle, I've clashed with every man who wanted any part of my socks and I've come through with flying colors. I'll be tickled silly to tackle McLarnin and I know that he'll not answer the bell for the final round this time. If he keeps on fighting until he's fifty, he'll never equal my record.





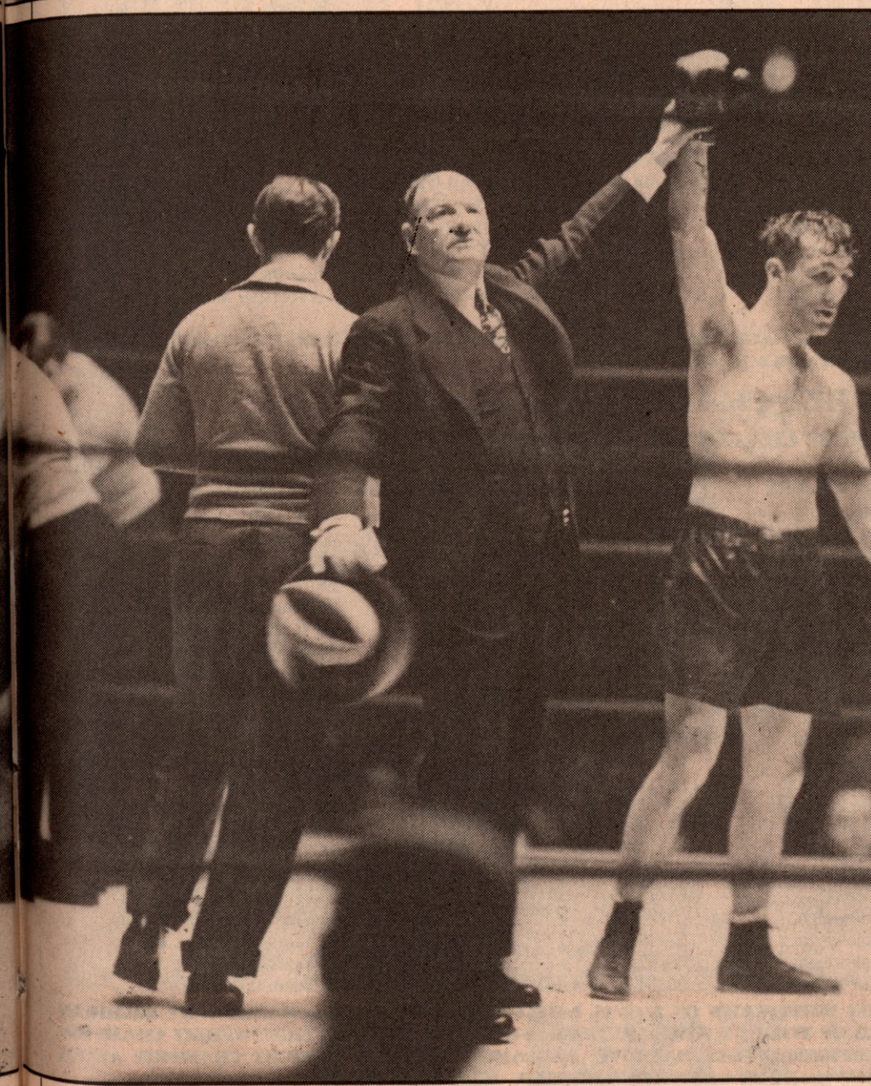


"I want to have it out with him. I know I can take him. After flattening Suarez, Berg, Townsend and Ran, fighters whom McLarnin refused to meet, I feel confident I can do the same to Jimmy. One thing I can assure the public—if we meet, and I understand Jimmy Johnston has the bout clinched for an outdoor show in New York, the public will see a battle worth while. There'll be no stalling so far as I'm concerned and it will be either Jimmy or yours truly who'll take the count."

Billy was one of four sons born to the Petrolles. Two others, Pete and Frankie also are boxers. Another brother, Michael, was killed in an accident a year ago. Billy is of Italian parentage, both parents having come here from the other side.

Billy has amassed a fortune close to $300,000 in the ring and has stored away a considerable amount of that for a rainy day. He is married and has a four year old daughter. In addition to the beautiful home that Billy bought for his family, he recently presented one to his parents at Fargo.

As soon as a fight is over, Billy packs up and catches the first train for Fargo, there to rejoin his wife and family. He is no gay caballero—just a good fellow who likes to do things his own way and dislikes lively parties. The only person whom he regards as his master and from whom he takes instructions is his manager, Jack Hurley in whom Billy has a world of faith.



(Far left) Petrolle ducks under one of Sammy Fuller's hard rights during their 10-round battle at Ridgewood Grove in Brooklyn on October 21, 1933. Billy won decision. (Left, above) The Crouching Petrolle attacks Eddie Ran in Madison Square Garden on January 22, 1932. Ran was halted in the sixth. (Left) Ring announcer Joe Humphries raises Billy's hand as former world featherweight champion Bat Battalino lies slumped in his corner. Petrolle won this sizzling 12-rounder when referee Gunboat Smith stepped in at 1:31 of the last session.

RING STATS

WORLD CHAMPIONS RECORDS

OLDEST CHAMPIONS BY CLASS

CHAMPION	CLASS	BIRTHDATE	LAST TITLE	AGE
LUIS ESTABA	Junior Flyweight	08/13/41	02/19/78	36 Years, 06 Months, 06 Day
DADO MARINO	Flyweight	08/26/16	05/19/51	34 Years, 08 Months, 23 Day
JIRO WATANABE	Junior Bantamweight	03/16/55	*	*27 Years, 09 Months, 15 Day
JOHNNY BUFF	Bantamweight	06/12/88	07/10/22	34 Years, 00 Months, 28 Day
LEO CRUZ	Junior Featherweight	01/17/53	*	*29 Years, 11 Months, 14 Day
EDER JOFRE	Featherweight	03/26/36	07/10/74a	38 Years, 03 Months, 14 Day
GABRIEL (FLASH) ELORDE	Junior Lightweight	03/22/35	06/15/67	32 Years, 02 Months, 24 Day
JOE BROWN	Lightweight	05/18/26	04/21/62	35 Years, 11 Months, 03 Day
SAOUL MAMBY	Junior Welterweight	06/04/47	06/26/82	35 Years, 00 Months, 22 Day
JACK BRITTON	Welterweight	10/14/85	11/01/22	37 Years, 00 Months, 18 Day
FRED LITTLE	Junior Middleweight	04/25/36	07/09/70	34 Years, 02 Months, 14 Day
RAY ROBINSON	Middleweight	05/03/21	01/22/60	38 Years, 08 Months, 19 Day
ARCHIE MOORE	Light Heavyweight	12/13/13	02/10/62b	48 Years, 01 Months, 28 Day
MARVIN CAMEL	Cruiserweight	12/24/51	11/25/80	28 Years, 11 Months, 01 Day
JERSEY JOE WALCOTT	Heavyweight	01/31/14	09/23/52	38 Years, 07 Months, 23 Day

NOTES: *-ACTIVE CHAMPION AS OF 12/31/82—AGE CALCULATED AS OF THAT DATE. a-STRIPPED OF TITLE BY WBC. b-CHAMPIONSHIP RECOGNITION WITHDRAWN ON 2/10/62.

WORLD CHAMPIONS' RECORDS

OLDEST CHAMPIONS (OVER 35 YEARS OLD)

CHAMPION	CLASS	BIRTHDATE	LAST TITLE	AGE
01. ARCHIE MOORE	Light Heavyweight	12/13/13	02/10/62a	48 Years, 01 Months, 28 Day
02. BOB FITZSIMMONS	Light Heavyweight	05/26/63	12/20/05	42 Years, 06 Months, 24 Day
03. EDDIE COTTON	Light Heavyweight	06/15/27	08/15/66b	39 Years, 02 Months, 00 Day
04. DICK TIGER	Light Heavyweight	08/14/29	05/24/68	38 Years, 09 Months, 10 Day
05. RAY ROBINSON	Middleweight	05/03/21	01/22/60	38 Years, 08 Months, 19 Day
06. JERSEY JOE WALCOTT	Heavyweight	01/31/14	09/23/52	38 Years, 07 Months, 23 Day
07. EDER JOFRE	Featherweight	03/26/36	07/10/74c	38 Years, 03 Months, 14 Day
08. JESS WILLARD	Heavyweight	12/29/81	07/04/19	37 Years, 06 Months, 05 Day
09. MUHAMMAD ALI	Heavyweight	01/17/42	07/15/79d	37 Years, 05 Months, 28 Day
10. TOMMY RYAN	Middleweight	03/31/70	08/04/07e	37 Years, 04 Months, 04 Day
11. JACK BRITTON	Welterweight	10/14/85	11/01/22	37 Years, 00 Months, 18 Day
12. JACK JOHNSON	Heavyweight	03/31/78	04/05/15	37 Years, 00 Months, 05 Day
13. DICK TIGER	Middleweight	08/14/29	04/25/66f	36 Years, 08 Months, 11 Day
14. LUIS ESTABA	Junior Flyweight	08/13/41	02/19/78	36 Years, 06 Months, 06 Day
15. BOB FITZSIMMONS	Heavyweight	05/26/63	06/09/99g	36 Years, 00 Months, 14 Day
16. JOE BROWN	Lightweight	05/18/26	04/21/62	35 Years, 11 Months, 03 Day
17. BOB FOSTER	Light Heavyweight	12/15/38	09/16/74h	35 Years, 09 Months, 01 Day
18. JOSE NAPOLES	Welterweight	04/13/40	12/06/75	35 Years, 07 Months, 24 Day
19. TONY ZALE	Middleweight	05/29/13	09/21/48	35 Years, 03 Months, 23 Day
20. JOEY GIARDELLO	Middleweight	07/16/30	10/21/65	35 Years, 03 Months, 05 Day
21. CARLOS MONZON	Middleweight	08/07/42	08/29/77i	35 Years, 00 Months, 22 Day
21. SAOUL MAMBY	Junior Welterweight	06/04/47	06/26/82	35 Years, 00 Months, 22 Day

NOTES: a-CHAMPIONSHIP RECOGNITION WITHDRAWN ON 2/10/62. b-RECOGNIZED AS WORLD CHAMPION BY MICHIGAN STATE COMMISSION ONLY. c-STRIPPED OF TITLE BY WBC. d-RETIRED. e-RETIRED. f-BECOME LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION AFTER LOSING MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP—SEE #4 ABOVE. g-BECAME LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION AFTER LOSING HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPSHIP—SEE #2 ABOVE. h-RETIRED. i-RETIRED.

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